

# THE SCOUTING TRAIL

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



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**University of Scouting** offers a variety of Scouting classes presented by some of the most experienced volunteers in the council. Whether you are a new leader or experienced... or simply an interested parent... there is something for you. **October 13.** [www.shac.org/uos](http://www.shac.org/uos)



**Popcorn Blitz Days** are designated days where units are encouraged to sell as a group by canvassing area neighborhoods. Scouts can qualify for special drawings based on the number of take order items sold on **Sep 29, Oct 13, and Oct 27.** Selling popcorn is a wonderful opportunity for units to earn funds to support their entire year of Scouting by selling gourmet popcorn. Traditional take-order sales run through **November 1.** [www.shac.org/popcorn](http://www.shac.org/popcorn)



**Recharter Training.** 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 leaders have taken the updated Youth Protection Training (YPT) • Ensure the top unit leader (i.e., Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Venturing Advisor) has completed BSA training for his or her position. • Every unit should send at least one representative to Recharter Training (check district website for the date). [www.shac.org/recharter](http://www.shac.org/recharter)



**YPT** Youth Protection Training has been updated. YPT 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 YPT 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](http://www.shac.org/ypt-update)



- Sell popcorn
- Leaders attend roundtable
- Unit leader attends district recharter training
- Packs: Hold second recruiting event
- Packs: Submit all new Scout applications
- Packs: Sign up new Scouts for Rocket Day & Fun with Family
- Troops: Sign up for OA elections
- Troops: Sign up for winter camp
- Troops: Sign up youth for NYLT
- Crews: Attend Venturing Forum
- Crews: Sign up for Kodiak Challenge
- Ships: Sign up for fall events

## College of Commissioner Science

features informative sessions enhancing commissioner skills on **December 1.** [www.shac.org/ccs](http://www.shac.org/ccs)



**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)



## October 2018

- 5-7 Cub Scout Adventure Camp
- 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
- 21 First Aid/CPR/AED
- 26-28 Cub Scout Adventure Camp
- 27 Popcorn Blitz Day #3
- 27-28 First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor Training

## November 2018

- 1 Popcorn orders due
- 2-4 Order of the Arrow Ordeal Weekend
- 3 First Aid/CPR/AED
- 9-11 Webelos Coyote Trail Extreme
- 10-11 Wilderness First Aid
- 15 Celebrating Cultures Event
- 16-18 Cub Scout Adventure Camp
- 17 Popcorn distribution / payments due
- 19 Order of the Arrow elections end
- 27 Council Recognition Reception
- 30-2 Cub Scout Adventure Camp

## December 2018

- 1 College of Commissioner Science
- 6 Unit recharter turn-in #1
- 8 Top Leader Training Day
- 13 Unit recharter turn-in #2
- 26-31 Winter camp
- 26-31 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)
- 31 Last day of online popcorn sales

## January 2019

- 12 Key Leaders Conference
- 19 OA Banquet and LLD Training
- 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
- 22 Baden Powell Dinner
- 22-24 Cub Scout Adventure Camp
- 22-24 Venturing Challenge



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# Cub Scouts

**Rocket Days.** Boys who join Cub Scouts will receive a rocket that they can design, build, and launch at a fall event. [www.shac.org/rockets](http://www.shac.org/rockets)

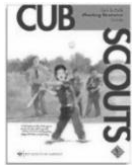
**Fall Recruiting** will focus on recruiting new families to the fun and adventures of Cub Scouting. The council will provide support materials to your pack for fall recruiting. Make your recruiting plans now to ensure that your pack has a great recruiting campaign. Ask someone to join Cub Scouting today! [www.shac.org/pack-recruitment-resources](http://www.shac.org/pack-recruitment-resources)

**Cub Scout Planning** - Take some time now to plan your den and pack meetings for the coming year. A common element of strong units is they all have a good annual program planned a year in advance. [www.shac.org/leader-resources](http://www.shac.org/leader-resources)

**Fun with Family** gives newly registered Cub Scouts and their families an opportunity to experience an overnight campout and exciting activities such as BB guns, crafts, archery and more! The event is held at Bovay Scout Ranch. **October 19-21.** [www.shac.org/fun-with-family](http://www.shac.org/fun-with-family)

**Webelos Coyote Xtreme** is a weekend campout that focuses on the Arrow of Light Award requirements and Scouting skills. **November 9-11.** [www.shac.org/wctx](http://www.shac.org/wctx)

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



## Training

**Top Leader Training.** is an opportunity for is an opportunity for Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Venturing Advisors to get leader specific training needed for recharter. **December 8.** [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) - **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](http://www.shac.org/powder-horn).



**First Aid/CPR/AED** and instructor courses are being offered at a discount to Scouters. [shac.org/training-schedule#first-aid](http://shac.org/training-schedule#first-aid)



# 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. Unit Elections:** To become a member of the Order of the Arrow, a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout is chosen by a vote of the youth in his unit. Elections must be conducted by the OA district election team between **September 1 and November 19.** [oa.shac.org/elections](http://oa.shac.org/elections)



**JOTA/JOTI** or Jamboree on the Air/Internet is the largest Scouting event in the world. **Third weekend in October.** [www.shac.org/joti](http://www.shac.org/joti)



## Adventures for Older Scouts

**Venturing.** Venturing Forums are held three times a year, is a great resource and fun opportunity for crews and ships. **October 16.**



**Kodiak Challenge** is a weeklong training designed to be an adventure. [www.shac.org/venturing](http://www.shac.org/venturing).

**Sea Scouts.** The **Fall Regatta** is an annual daylong event for ships to get together. **October 6.** **Seabadge** is an intense leadership and management training. **November 30-December 2.**



**Sea Scouts Academy** is a learning experience focusing on advancement a leadership. **January 19-21.** [www.shac.org/sea-scouts](http://www.shac.org/sea-scouts)