

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. **November 2.** 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 **Oct 12**, and **Oct 26**. 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.** shac.org/popcorn



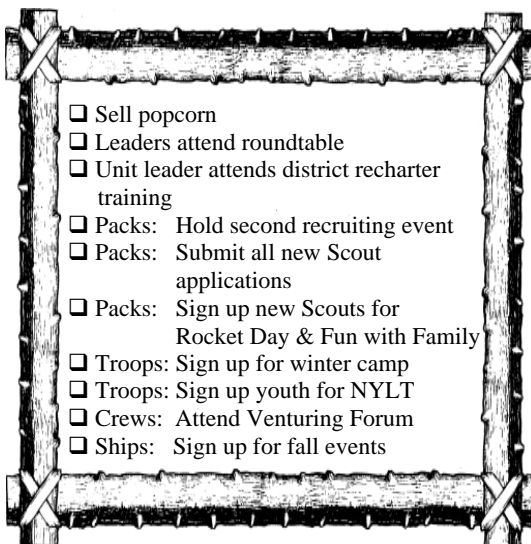
Recharter Training. Every December, units are required to renew their affiliation with Scouting. • Plan ahead to get recharter done early, as this time of the year is typically very busy. It takes time to gather information and collect fees and signatures. • Ensure all leaders have taken the updated 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). shac.org/recharter



Youth Protection Training 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. The training expires every two years. Take the training online at My.Scouting.org.



JOTA/JOTI or Jamboree on the Air/Internet is the largest Scouting event in the world. **Third weekend in October.** shac.org/joti



College of Commissioner Science

features informative sessions enhancing commissioner skills on **December 1.** 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. shac.org/toolkit



October 2019

- 4-6 Wood Badge 19-2B
- 11-13 Fun with Family
- 12 Popcorn blitz day #2
- 12 First Aid/CPR/AED Training
- 15 Venturing Forum
- 17 Council Coordinated
- 18-20 Adventure Camp
- 18-20 Leave No Trace Training
- 19 Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI)
- 25-27 Adventure Camp
- 26 Order of the Arrow Service Day
- 26 Popcorn blitz day #3

November 2019

- 1 Popcorn orders due
- 1-3 OA Service Weekend / Ordeal
- 2 University of Scouting
- 8-10 Webelos Coyote Trail Extreme
- 9-10 Wilderness First Aid Training
- 16 Popcorn distribution
- 16 Order of the Arrow Service Day
- 15-17 Cub Scout Adventure Camp
- 19 Council Recognition Reception

December 2019

- 5 Unit recharter turn-in #1
- 7 College of Commissioner Science
- 6-8 Cub Scout Adventure Camp
- 12 Unit recharter turn-in #2
- 14-15 OA Service Weekend
- 26-31 Winter camp
- 26-31 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

January 2020

- 11 Key Leaders Conference
- 18 Eagle Scout Project of the Year submission deadline
- 18 Shooting Merit Badge Fulfillment Day
- 18 OA Banquet and LLD Training
- 21 Venturing Forum
- 23 District Scout Fair Kickoff
- 25 Scouting for Food (door hangar drop-off)

February 2020

- 1 Scouting for Food (food pick up)
- 8/9 Scout Sabbath / Scout Sunday
- 8 Shooting Merit Badge Fulfillment Day
- 21-23 Venturing Challenge
- 28 Baden Powell Dinner
- 28-1 Cub Scout Adventure Camp



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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

Fall Recruiting is the time to focus on recruiting new families to the fun and adventure of Cub Scouting. The council provides support materials. This is a great time to conduct a second recruiting event at a pack meeting or pack event. Ask someone to join Cub Scouting today! shac.org/recruiting

Cub Scout Planning - Take some time now to plan your den and pack meetings for the coming year. shac.org/leader-resources
A common element of strong units is they all have a good annual program planned a year in advance. Find similar advancements across ranks at shac.org/program-planning.

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 11-13.** 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 8-10.** shac.org/wctx

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.

Scouts BSA

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. 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. shac.org/nylt

Camp Strake registration is open for the summer of 2020 The new Camp Strake will be a first-class and state-of-the-art facility for Scouts and leaders. Council units are being given the first opportunity to attend the inaugural camp. Activities will include shooting sports, Wild Hex, ziplining, climbing, repelling, COPE and more. Sports are currently available for week 6 and 7. shac.org/summer-camp.

Order of the Arrow

Service Weekends are an opportunity for Arrowmen to provide much needed service to council camps. oa.shac.org/service.

Unit Elections: To become a member of the Order of the Arrow, a Scout is chosen by a vote of the youth in his unit. Elections must be conducted by the OA chapter election team. oa.shac.org/elections



Training

Leave No Trace is course to help units develop a culture of responsible outdoor choices.



October 18-20.

shac.org/training-schedule#lnt

First Aid courses including CPR/AED can be found at shac.org/training-schedule#fa

Additional training opportunities:

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.

shac.org/powder-horn.

Adventures for Older Scouts

Venturing Forums are held three times a year and are a great resource for crews.

October 15.



Sea Scouts promotes water safety, boating and more.

Fleet meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the council office. 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