

THE SCOUTING TRAIL

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



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Family Scouting. It's an exciting time to be in Scouting! We are excited to serve the entire family and reach an entire new generation with our amazing programs. 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. To find a unit, visit BeAScout.org.

Popcorn Sales. Selling popcorn is a wonderful opportunity for units to earn funds to support their entire year of Scouting by selling gourmet popcorn. Online sales begin August 1. Every unit should send a representative to the fall recruiting kick-off on **August 13**. Find locations and times at shac.org/popcorn/#Contacts.

University of Scouting offers over 100 different classes presented by some of the most experienced volunteers. Whether you are a new leader or experienced... a commissioner or den leader... a Scoutmaster or Cubmaster... committee member or simply an interested parent... there is something for you. **November 2**. shac.org/uos

BeAScout.org has a Google pin for every unit. Unit leaders: update your unit information to make it EASY for new Scouting families to find your unit at myscouting.org by looking under Unit Tools, selecting BeAScout, and then clicking on Unit Pin Management. Also, visit your district website and look under the unit tab. There is a link on the page to send corrections to the webmaster.

Pictures— help us promote Scouting. Share your Scouting memories with us by tagging us and sending them as a message to www.facebook.com/shac.bsa. Let parents know about our page. Like and Share our stories to help attract more people to our page. Let us know what events you are going to and share our events at facebook.com/shac.bsa/events.

Camp Strake summer camp preregistration for the summer of 2020 is taking place between **August 5-12**. 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. Open registration begins September 2. shac.org/summer-camp.

August Unit Checklist

- Sign up for popcorn
- Leaders attend roundtable
- Sign up for University of Scouting
- Update BeAScout.org pin
- Packs: Attend recruiting training
- Troops: Sign up for winter camp
- Troops: Sign up youth for NYLT
- Crews: Attend Venturing Banquet
- Ships: Prepare for rendezvous

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



- August 2019**
- 1 Fall recruiting night trainings
 - 1 Popcorn online sales begin
 - 1 Popcorn show-n-sell orders due
 - 2-4 Order of the Arrow (OA) Ordeal
 - 10 Venturing Banquet
 - 11 Order of the Arrow (OA) LEC and elections trng
 - 11 OA Unit Representative Summit
 - 13 Popcorn Kickoff
 - 15 Council Coordinated
 - 17 Popcorn show-n-sell distribution / sales begin

- September 2019**
- 6-8 Sea Scouts Minto Rendezvous
 - 13-15 Wood Badge 19-2A
 - 20-22 Order of the Arrow Fall PowWow
 - 28 Popcorn Blitz Day #1
 - 28 Shooting Sports Merit Badge Fulfillment Day
 - 27-29 Adventure Camp

- October 2019**
- 4-6 Wood Badge 19-2B
 - 11-13 Fun with Family
 - 12 Popcorn blitz day #2
 - 15 Venturing Forum
 - 16-18 Adventure Camp
 - 17 Council Coordinated
 - 19 Jamboree on the Internet
 - 25-27 Adventure Camp
 - 26 Popcorn blitz day #3

- November 2019**
- 1 Popcorn orders due
 - 1-3 Order of the Arrow Ordeal Weekend
 - 2 University of Scouting
 - 8-10 Webelos Coyote Trail Extreme
 - 16 Popcorn distribution
 - 16 Order of the Arrow Service Weekend
 - 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
 - 15-15 Order of the Arrow (OA) Service Weekend
 - 26-31 Winter camp
 - 26-31 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)



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Cub Scouts

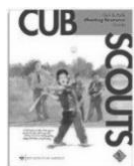
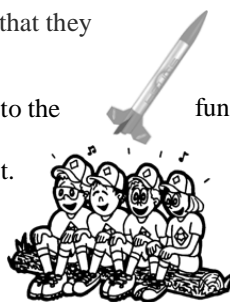
Rocket Days. Youth who join Cub Scouts will receive a rocket that they can design, build, and launch at a fall event. shac.org/rockets

Fall Recruiting is the time to focus on recruiting new families to the and adventure of Cub Scouting. Begin your planning by attending one of the training events scheduled in your district in early August. The council will provide support materials to your pack to ensure your for fall recruiting success. Make your recruiting plans now to ensure that your pack has a great recruiting campaign. 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. A common element of strong units is they all have a good annual program planned a year in advance. 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! Fun with Son is held at both Bovay Scout Ranch **October 11-13.** shac.org/fun-with-family

Adventure Camp is a weekend camp out for Cub Scout families at Bovay Scout Ranch. shac.org/adventure-camp



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



Order of the Arrow. **Fall PowWow** is an event for Order of the Arrow members with 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. **September 20-22.** oa.shac.org/fall-pow-wow.



OA 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

JOTA/JOTI or Jamboree on the Air/Internet is the largest Scouting event in the world. **October 19.** shac.org/joti



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. shac.org/wood-badge

- Sept. 13-15 and Oct. 4-6, 2019
- March 13-15 and 27-29, 2020



Leader Training. Every Scout deserves a trained leader. SHAC offers a wide variety of training courses for all levels of leaders in all Scouting programs. shac.org/training-schedule



Adventures for Older Scouts

Venturing. The **Venturing Banquet** is where the Venturing leadership and their advisers will be presented with recognition for their work. The new Venturing Officer Association leadership will be announced. **August 18.** venturing.shac.org/banquet

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



Sea Scouts. The **Minto Rendezvous** is a regional event where Sea Scouts test their knowledge and skills. **September 7-9.** www.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

