

The Scouting Trail



August 2018

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

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Family Scouting. We are excited to announce that the Cub Scouting program is now open to boys and girls. 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. family.scouting@scouting.org. #scoutmein

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**. Traditional take-order sales run from **August 15 to October 30**. shac.org/popcorn

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. **September 23**. www.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 www.fb.com/SHAC.BSA/events

YPT2 Youth Protection Training 2 is the new youth protection training. YPT2 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 YPT2 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



August Unit Checklist

- Sign up for popcorn
- Leaders attend roundtable
- Sign up for University of Scouting
- Update BeAScout.org pin and district website
- 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. www.shac.org/toolkit



- August 2018**
- 1 Popcorn online sales begin
 - 1 Popcorn show-n-sell orders due
 - 11 Trainer's EDGE
 - 12 OA LEC and elections trng
 - 14 Popcorn kickoff
 - 16 Council Coordinated
 - 18 Venturing Banquet
 - 18 Popcorn show-n-sell distribution / sales begin

- September 2018**
- 1 Order of the Arrow elections begin
 - 7-9 Sea Scouts Minto Rendezvous
 - 14-16 Wood Badge 18-2A
 - 21-23 Order of the Arrow Fall PowWow
 - 28-30 Cub Scout Adventure Camp
 - 29 Popcorn Blitz Day #1

- October 2018**
- 5-7 Wood Badge 18-2B
 - 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
 - 26-28 Cub Scout Adventure Camp
 - 27 Popcorn Blitz Day #3

- November 2018**
- 1 Popcorn orders due
 - 2-4 Order of the Arrow Ordeal Weekend
 - 9-11 Webelos Coyote Trail Extreme
 - 15 Celebrating Cultures Event
 - 16-18 Cub Scout Adventure Camp
 - 17 Popcorn distribution
 - 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)



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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. www.shac.org/rockets

Fall Recruiting will focus on recruiting new families to the fun and adventures of Cub Scouting. Begin your planning by attending one of the training events scheduled in your district. 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

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

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 19-21**. www.shac.org/fun-with-family

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



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



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



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. **September 21-23**. www.oa.shac.org/fall-pow-wow.



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 district election team between **September 1 and November 19**. oa.shac.org/elections



JOTA/JOTI or Jamboree on the Air/Internet is the largest Scouting event in the world. **October 20**. www.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. www.shac.org/wood-badge

- Sept. 14-16 and Oct. 5-7
- March 8-10 and 29-31, 2019



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. www.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**. www.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

