

# THE SCOUTING TRAIL

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



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**Covid-19.** Due to the COVID-19 outbreak many district and council meetings, activities, and events are canceled or postponed. For the latest information, visit [shac.org/news](http://shac.org/news).

**Scouting at Home.** Scouts can sharpen their Scouting skills without leaving home. We have compiled a list of activities that Scouts of all ages can complete at home, advancement opportunities and online educational resources. Learn more at [shac.org/scouting-at-home](http://shac.org/scouting-at-home)



**Rank Advancement Update.** See the latest updates about rank advancements and time extensions in the article posted at [shac.org/news](http://shac.org/news).

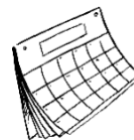
**Scoutbook Training** Scoutbook is BSA's online WebApp that is free to all youth, parents, and leaders. It is the one platform where Scouts, parents and leaders can all have access to the unit information and an individual Scout's progress. Virtual training is being provided for all youth, parents and leaders. After registering, attendees will be able to submit specific questions to the moderator they hope to have answered during this session. May 19 at 8:00 pm <https://bit.ly/sbu-c576>



**Popcorn Sales.** Selling popcorn is a wonderful opportunity for units to earn funds to support their entire year of Scouting by selling gourmet popcorn. Due to the Covid-19, Scout Fair coupon books sales ended early. As a result Trail's End is opening online sales early this year for Scouts who like to be fundraising early. Online sales have begun. Every unit should send a representative to the fall recruiting kick-off on **August 11**. Find locations and times at [shac.org/popcorn](http://shac.org/popcorn).



**Annual Planning** - A common element of strong units is they all have a good annual program planned a year in advance that is then shared with all families in the form of a calendar, trained leaders and the right leaders. Plan your unit calendar around the district calendar found on your district website. [shac.org/leader-resources](http://shac.org/leader-resources)



**Eagle Wall at Cockrell Scout Center.** To help honor the accomplishments of the Scouts who earn the Eagle Scout rank annually, our council maintains a wall with the names of all Eagle Scouts in front of the Cockrell Service Center. The deadline to submit corrections is May 31. [shac.org/eagle-scout-wall](http://shac.org/eagle-scout-wall).



**May Checklist:**

- Attend Program Preview at roundtable
- Plan program year and annual budget
- Publish unit and district calendar
- Review progress towards JTE goals
- Packs: sign up for day camp and resident camp

**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](http://shac.org/toolkit)



- May 2020**
- 1 Online popcorn sales begin
  - 7 or 14 Program Preview at roundtables held virtually
  - 15 Silver Beaver nominations due

- June 2020**
- varies Scouts BSA summer camp, virtually
  - varies Cub Scout day camps, virtually

- July 2020**
- varies Scouts BSA summer camp – virtually
  - TBD Cub Scouts Outdoor Sports Day
  - 23 Popcorn show-n-sell training
  - 31 Popcorn show-n-sell orders due

- August 2020**
- 3-8 Fall recruiting night trainings
  - 3-8 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)
  - 15 Popcorn show-n-sell distribution / sales begin
  - 15 Venturing Banquet
  - 11 Popcorn Kickoff
  - 20 Council Coordinated

- September 2020**
- 4-6 Sea Scouts Minto Rendezvous
  - 18-20 Wood Badge 20-2A

- October 2020**
- 3-4 Wood Badge 20-2B
  - 9-11 Fun with Family
  - 13 Venturing Forum
  - 15 Council Coordinated
  - 22-25 Powder Horn
  - 30 Popcorn orders due (by 4:00 pm)
  - 30-1 OA Fall PowWow
  - TBD New Eagle Scout Reception

- November 2020**
- 7 University of Scouting
  - 13-15 Webelos Coyote Trail Extreme
  - 14 Popcorn distribution
  - 17 Council Recognition Reception



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# Cub Scouts

**Virtual Day Camp** is a free council-hosted event for Cub Scouts entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2020-2021 school year. The virtual camp will include awesome online programs for rank advancements, games, special guests, crafts and more. Sessions will be open the whole week. Scouts will choose the rank advancement sessions. Special live sessions will be conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. [shac.org/virtual-day-camp](http://shac.org/virtual-day-camp)



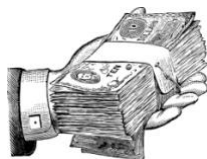
**Outdoor Sports Day** is a one-day event being held at Bovay Scout Ranch during late summer. Activities offered will include BB guns, archery, water activities, fishing and a day camp closing ceremony. [shac.org/outdoor-sports-day](http://shac.org/outdoor-sports-day)



**National Scout Jamboree** is Scouting's flagship event. It's a one-of-a-kind gathering of approximately 40,000 Scouts and Scouters that showcases everything that is great about the BSA and its members. Participants will explore all kinds of adventures—stadium shows, pioneer village, adventure sports, patch trading, and more. The jamboree is the best of Scouting rolled into 10 days of fun, friends, and adventure. **July 21-30, 2021.** Registration is now open at [shac.org/jamboree](http://shac.org/jamboree)



**Unit Money-Earning Applications** - A unit must submit a Unit Money-Earning Application to the council prior to any fundraiser (outside of popcorn or Scout Fair coupon books). Whenever your unit is planning a money-earning project, refer to the BSA's "10 Guides to Unit Money Earning Projects." [shac.org/unit-finance](http://shac.org/unit-finance)



## Scouts BSA Brand Guidance Training

As we welcome girls into the program, it is important that families understand the program or organization they are joining. To ensure that we promote our programs in a clear and Scout-like manner, resources have been developed to make sure our leaders are aware of the do's and don'ts in promoting BSA programs. [shac.org/branding](http://shac.org/branding)

**Scouts First Helpline** makes it easy for volunteers and families to address dangerous situations, ask questions about a situation or report a possible incident. BSA is committed to providing ongoing support to victims and their families, including counseling. Support is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

ScoutsFirst Helpline: (844)-Scouts1 or (844) 726-8871 or [scouts1st@scouting.org](mailto:scouts1st@scouting.org). Learn more at [shac.org/erm#scoutsfirst](http://shac.org/erm#scoutsfirst)

**Guide to Safe Scouting.** The purpose of the *Guide to Safe Scouting* is to prepare members of the Boy Scouts of America to conduct Scouting activities in a safe and prudent manner. All participants in official Scouting activities should become familiar with the *Guide to Safe Scouting* and be aware of state or local government regulations that supersede Boy Scouts of America policies and guidelines. Age appropriate guidelines for Scouting activities can be found at [scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416\\_Insert\\_Web.pdf](http://scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416_Insert_Web.pdf). Guide to Safe Scouting: [scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx](http://scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx)



## Training

**Wood Badge** is a five-day advanced leadership course for Scout leaders involved in all program levels to learn techniques to become better leaders. **Sept 18-20 and Oct 3-4.** [shac.org/wood-badge](http://shac.org/wood-badge)



### Training.

Every Scout deserves a trained leader. Every leader deserves to be trained. The council offers a variety of training courses for all levels of leaders in all Scouting program. Scouters can attend training in any district. [shac.org/training-schedule](http://shac.org/training-schedule)



## Adventures for Older Scouts

**Venturing Leadership Awards** are due **June 1**. The Venturing Banquet is an opportunity to recognize the Venturing leadership and their advisers. The new Venturing Officer Association leadership is announced. **August 15.** Venturing Forums are held three times a year and are a great resource and fun opportunity for crews. **October 13.** [shac.org/venturing](http://shac.org/venturing).



**Sea Scouts:** Sea Scouts. Fleet meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month. [shac.org/sea-scouts](http://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](http://exploring.shac.org)

