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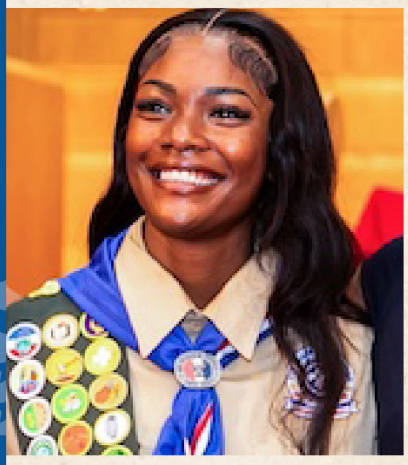





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POPCORN



How to Register Your Unit to Participate

1. Go to **PRPopcorn.com**
2. Click **"Scout Boss"** from the **"Account Login"** drop down in the top right corner of the page
3. Click on **"Create Unit Profile"**
4. Enter your Council Key **(118PTAC)**
5. Choose your District
6. Choose your unit type
7. Choose your unit number
8. Enter a username for the account
9. Enter a Password for the account
10. Fill out the remaining profile info. The email used will receive all account notifications.
11. Click **"Submit"**

1. Register for a Popcorn Training

Units receive 1% commission for attending!

Popcorn Trainings provide important updates, program information, sales strategies, opportunities to ask questions before the season begins, and the chance to collect all your selling materials.

2026 Training Dates:

- July 11 – New Leader Training (Zoom)
- July 25 – Munster Service Center
- July 26 – Arlington Heights Service Center
- July 29 – Berwyn Moose Lodge

KERNEL TRAINING

2. Register Your Unit to Participate

Every unit planning to participate in the 2026 Popcorn Sale must complete the annual Unit Registration Form. **Instructions on how to register are on the left-hand side of this page.**

REGISTER HERE

3. New to Popcorn? Start with Kernel 101

Whether you're a first-time Popcorn Kernel or just looking for a refresher, the Kernel 101 guide provides everything you need to get started.

Inside you'll find:

- Selling method explanations
- Key dates and deadlines
- Tips for running a successful unit kickoff
- Frequently asked questions

KERNEL 101

BIGFOOT BASH - CUB-O-REE



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS CREATURE?

BIGFOOT HAS BEEN SPOTTED EXPLORING CAMP BETZ!

SIGN UP FOR THE 2026 BIGFOOT BASH CUBOREE FOR YOUR CHANCE TO FIND HIM!

CAMP FRANK S. BETZ
BERRIEN SPRINGS, MI

SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026

Explore Camp Betz with your fellow Cub Scout adventurers! The Betz Thunderbird has invited its cryptid friends—legends of lore and mystery from around the world—to the biggest Cub Scout event of the year! PTAC's 2026 Cub-o-Ree will be a weekend of Camping, Crafts, Games, Food, STEM, Range and Target Activities and more, all topped off with our Bigfoot Bash campfire program.

Camp as a unit or family September 25th-27th, or stop by for the festivities as a day visitor on Saturday only!

	GENERAL ADMISSION	NEW SCOUTS (AS OF 7/1/26) & ADULTS	UNDER 4 YEARS
WEEKEND	$45	$30	FREE
SATURDAY	$35	$20	FREE

Add-Ons & Meal Deals:

- *$5 Friday Early Arrival Camping*
- *$5 Saturday Breakfast*
- *$15 Saturday Lunch, Dinner, & Sunday Breakfast Grab-Go*

WHAT TO EXPECT

- RANGE & TARGET ACTIVITIES
- SPORTS & GAMES
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- CAMPING
- & MORE!

SCOUT STORIES





Scouts Take Emergency Action

Two Pathway to Adventure Scouts recently earned Scouting America's Lifesaving or Meritorious Action Awards for putting their Scouting skills and ideals into practice for the sake of another.

Nicholas - Troop 65, Medal of Merit

When a neighborhood boy vomited after eating a peanut M&M, Nicholas recognized this as a symptom of anaphylaxis. He quickly and clearly communicated the events to the boy's parent, which was critical for a timely response to prevent the allergic reaction from escalating.

Josephine - Pack 4606, National Certificate of Merit

During a Pack hike, Josephine was the first to act after witnessing a boy fall backward and hit his head on the pavement. She recognized signs of a concussion after asking him questions and assessing his condition. Josephine applied an ice pack and kept him calm while they waited for EMS to arrive.

Please join us in thanking and recognizing these Scouts for their actions!

Honor Flight Chicago

Cub Scouts of Pack 773 had 5 Scouts represent the pack at Honor Flight 129, the welcome home event at Midway Airport on Wednesday, June 24, 2026. The Scouts and their families made it through the storms and waited patiently for the 112 veterans arrival. The Scouts shook hands, saluted the veterans and even shared a hug or two.











CAMP

Betz Cub Scout Family Camp

Start your engines for Camp Betz Cub Scout Family Camp 2026!

At Cub Scout Family Camp, Cub Scouts and their families will enjoy all the best parts of summer camp together: paddling across Lake Chapin, hitting the range with slingshots and archery, exploring hands-on crafts, building awesome projects, splashing at the waterfront, and taking on exciting themed activities, all in a family-friendly camping environment.

REGISTER HERE



Volunteer at Betz!

We are seeking Youth (14+) and Adult (18+) volunteers to join our Family Camp staff. The best part? You can staff for just one weekend or all six — the choice is yours.

Available staff roles include:

Waterfront, Archery, Range, Dining Hall, Handicraft, Singers, Program Directors, Group Guides, Firebuilders, Color Guard, Memory Makers, and more!

This is also a wonderful opportunity to make it a Troop event! We encourage units to volunteer together and share in the experience.

Staff Benefits:

- Exclusive staff T-shirt and patch
- Community service hours
- Air-conditioned cabin accommodations
- Meals Included
- The opportunity to be a positive role model and lasting influence for Scouts

Questions? Contact PTAC.Betz.FamilyCamp@gmail.com — we'd love to hear from you!

REGISTER HERE

CAMP

Owasippe & Owasippe MAXED

Get ready for a summer full of adventure, friendship, and unforgettable memories at Owasippe. With more than 110 years of tradition, Owasippe delivers the ultimate Scouting experience—from ziplining, tubing, and horseback riding to merit badges, high-adventure challenges, and campfires under the stars. Whether you're attending with your troop at a Scouts BSA camp or staying with family at Reneker, you're sure to make memories that last a lifetime.

BLACKHAWK **WOLVERINE**

Cub Scout Resident Camp - At Owasippe

Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos, are all invited to experience Owasippe's Camp Wolverine! Our program will be centered around a variety of age-appropriate adventures and provide Scouts with plenty of time to explore!

Arrow of Light Scouts will partake in advanced programs while exploring into the horizons of Owasippe's 4800 acres.

Session 1 - Both programs - July 26 - July 29

Session 2 - Both programs - July 29 - August 1

REGISTER HERE



Reneker Family Camp - At Owasippe

Camp Reneker offers affordable week-long cabin camping for both Scout and non-Scouting families. Each cabin includes a full kitchen and two bedrooms, and a central shower house with washroom, shower, and laundry facilities. Staff-led programs feature age-group activities like hiking, crafting, sports, science experiments, swim instruction, skill development, and service projects.

Have a Scout already attending Owasippe? Families can reserve a cabin at Owasippe's Camp Reneker for the week your Scout is at camp and have them join you before or after their session.

REGISTER HERE

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Who 'Dun It? Council Camporee

Save the Date! Who 'Dun It? 2027 Council Camporee
September 24-26, 2027 — Sandwich Fairgrounds, IL

A mystery is unfolding... Join us for Who 'Dun It 2027 Council Camporee! Get ready for a weekend of mystery, teamwork, and adventure. Scouts, family, and friends of all ages are invited!

Mark your calendars - more details are coming soon!

SAVE THE DATE





Scout Night! Baseball: Thunderbolts

Friday, August 14 — 6:30pm — Ozinga Field

- Opportunity to complete some requirements for the Sport Merit Badge ***- Details Coming***
- <- Bolts Hat and Scout Night Patch
- Postgame Fireworks Show
- Overnight camping on the field after the game with breakfast in the morning!

Contact Charles Butler to reserve your spot today 708.489.2255 or cbutler@wcthunderbolts.com

Use Code: ADVENTURE

TICKETS HERE



New! Medical Learning Series

Paging Dr. Scout! Paging Dr. Scout!

This learning series will be presented by a roster of renowned and honored Chicago physicians. These experts will address your technical, educational and career questions about the medical field. Doctors from a variety of specialties will answer your questions about their education, practices, career paths and what it took to get there live online during monthly sessions.

Start thinking about your questions. Registration will open in July and the series will begin in the Fall. These sessions will fill up fast!

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Fly Fishing Merit Badge

July 11, August 8, and September 12 - 8:30am-4pm - Camp Sagawau Environmental Education Center & Maple Lake (Cook County Forest Preserves)

Scouts, are you ready to cast your way into an exciting new skill? Oak Brook Trout Unlimited is hosting free, one-day introductory fly-fishing classes for youth ages 11 and up! This program is designed to meet all the requirements for the Fly-Fishing Merit Badge, with certified merit badge counselors on staff to guide you.

To register, contact Mike Lesiak at 630-300-4997 or mdlesiak100@gmail.com

CONTACT HERE | MORE INFO HERE



Railroading Merit Badge

Illinois Railway Museum – September 12

All Scouts and their families are invited to enjoy a full day of railroad history at the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, IL! Ride historic steam, diesel, and electric trains, tour museum exhibits, and participate in special Scout activities throughout the day. Scouts working on the Railroading Merit Badge can complete requirements through a guided challenge course led by experienced counselors and railroad professionals. Discounted admission is available with advance registration, so don't wait to reserve your spot!

REGISTER HERE



Architecture Merit Badge

August 9 & August 16 - 10am-1:30pm - Chicago Architecture Center

Explore the world-famous architecture of downtown Chicago while working toward the Architecture Merit Badge! Scouts will enjoy a guided walking tour led by the Chicago Architecture Center, followed by an interactive workshop with professional architects to complete badge requirements. Two clinic dates are available—August 9 and August 16—with limited space in each session. Register early to reserve your spot and experience Chicago through the eyes of an architect!

AUGUST 9 | AUGUST 16

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Bud Billiken Parade

Saturday, August 8 - step off 10:00 A.M. - Step off on S Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and E 40th Street

Join the Chicago Federation of Labor and the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists as we march in the 97th Annual Bud Billiken Parade on Saturday, August 8. The "Bud" is sponsored by the Chicago Defender and brings together Black Chicagoans and their allies in a celebration of music, dance, food and culture.

REGISTER HERE



Eddie Fest & Labor Day Parade

Saturday, September 5, 2026. - step off 11:00 a.m. - The parade route will tentatively begin on E 112th Street and S Ewing Avenue

The 2026 Chicago Labor Day Parade and Eddie Fest, presented by the Chicago Federation of Labor and Alderman Peter Chicago, will be held on the Southeast side of Chicago on Saturday, September 5, 2026.

REGISTER HERE



Mexican Independence Day Parade

Sunday, September 13 at 12 p.m. - Step off at 26th and Kedzie in Little Village

Join the Chicago Federation of Labor and the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) as we march in the 26th Street Mexican Independence Day Parade to celebrate Mexican music, dance, food and culture. The parade is the largest of its kind in the Midwest and annually attracts over 500,000 participants, residents, and visitors.

REGISTER HERE

National Night Out

This year, the 2026 National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 4th.

This is an excellent opportunity to use this event as a "springboard" for your Fall Recruitment since there will be at least 44 Illinois cities and 8 NW Indiana cites participating within PTAC. Please go to the NNO website (https://natw.org) if you have any questions or to see if your city is participating as new cities register on a regular basis. Please work with your District Membership Chair and DE to get materials for this community event.

LEARN MORE

TRAINING



Leader Field School

Re-introducing Leader Field School! This patrol-style training weekend on October 17-18 is the perfect opportunity to take the next step into 5 essential skill areas: Nature, Orienteering, Dutch Oven Cooking, Pioneering, and Wilderness Survival.

Participants will receive hands-on, practical experience and will leave with resources for future reference. This program is open to adult leaders only, and participants are encouraged to have taken IOLS.

REGISTER HERE



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) helps Scouts BSA leaders confidently provide a well-rounded, safe experience for their troop. If you are heading to Owasippe this summer, leaders will have the opportunity to take IOLS over the week. If not, join us on October 17-18 at Camp Palos for a fun and interactive weekend, and complete your position-specific training in the process!

REGISTER HERE



Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation Training (BALOO)

Our next BALOO course will be October 17-18 at Camp Palos. At least one adult on all Cub Scout overnight events is required to be BALOO-trained, but the more the merrier! Join us in October for an immersive and engaging weekend and take back the knowledge and hands-on skills to confidently lead safe, fun, and meaningful outdoor experiences.

REGISTER HERE

2027 Wood Badge

Save the date for PTAC's next Wood Badge course at Camp Betz: April 9-11 and May 1-2, 2027! More details and registration coming soon.

RECRUITMENT READINESS

Welcome to your July monthly Membership newsletter article. As we welcome summer's arrival and celebrate America's 250th Anniversary, this month's article will touch on National Night Out and Fall Recruitment Readiness. There will be additional information shared on our Membership Website, August PTAC Newsletters and during our upcoming Roundtable Kick-offs. Next month's Newsletter will focus on how Onboarding your new Scouts, their families and your leaders can help improve your unit's Retention.

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Roundtable Kick-off / Fall Recruitment: This year's recruitment theme, for both Packs and Troops, is "Adventure is Calling! – We're Ready, Are You?." The purpose of your Roundtable Kick-off is to help your unit prepare for your upcoming Fall Recruitment activities. During your Roundtable Kick-off, you will have the opportunity to address your questions and concerns with your District Membership Chair and obtain the collateral materials to support your recruitment events. Your District Membership Chair will verify with you that your BeAScout Pin is current, handout your Fall Recruitment Collateral Materials, which includes your Leader Recruitment Guide, and gather the dates for your Fall Recruitment events so we can support your needs for success. Your unit's Drive For 5 Goals will be available at your September Roundtable.

This year, there will be flyers, postcards, bookmarks, stickers and gliders with the new graphics. This Fall, our Packs will have the option of 2 different Yards Signs. One sign will say "Discover Cub Scouts" and another sign will say "Discover Cub Scouts – All Youth Welcome". The same format, and theme, will be used for our Scouts BSA Yard Signs. Units will still have the option to attach a flyer to their yard sign. Our new families will receive a Welcome Kit, that will be mailed to their home, once their application is processed. Within these Welcome Kits, families will be given information and stickers that can be used to recruit their friends. Please attend your Roundtable Kick-off so you can learn about and obtain all our new recruitment materials.

Online Leads and Applications: Please monitor your online leads and applications on a weekly basis as parents will be reaching out to request more information or apply to your unit after they see you at any of the events mentioned earlier in this newsletter article. Please ensure that your BeAScout Pin is active and contains events where you plan to be within your neighborhoods and communities. ***Remember, you cannot make a second first impression.***

In closing, we need to remember that all our new and existing Families, Scouts and Leaders need to be "Seen, Heard and Included". I would like to thank everyone for all your hard work and dedication to ensure our youth and their families can experience a Quality Scouting program. A successful recruitment program, for both youth and adults, should be 24/7 as it could take multiple contacts to recruit a new family to join Scouting. Please read future newsletters, visit our Membership Website, and attend your District Roundtables for additional information. If you have any questions, please work with your District Membership Chair, District Executive, and your Unit Commissioner.

Yours In Scouting,
Rick Romani – PTAC Membership VP



RECRUITMENT READINESS

FLYERS



POSTCARDS







PLANES



STICKERS



BOOKMARKS & PEER CARDS

YARD SIGNS

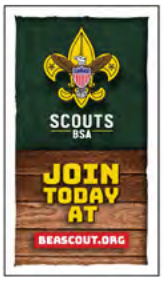


FLYERS



POSTCARDS & PEER CARDS





YARD SIGNS



FLYERS



POSTCARDS





WRISTBANDS

RECRUITMENT MATERIALS

Be prepared for this recruitment season!

Recruitment season is here, and we've got the tools to help your unit succeed! From flyers and postcards to yard signs, stickers, and more. We have materials for Cub Scout packs, Scouts BSA troops, and joint pack/troop recruiting efforts.

Work with your District Executive to place an order, or download resources anytime from our Recruitment webpage.

DOWNLOAD HERE

SPECIAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Silent Auction

We're seeking donations of gift certificates, experiences, event tickets, travel packages, dining opportunities, and other unique items for our upcoming silent auction. Your tax-deductible donation helps fund life-changing Scouting programs for youth across Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana while showcasing your business to community leaders and supporters. Every contribution makes a difference.

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Transportation & Logistics Dinner

Thursday, October 8 — The Burlington Room at Union Station

Join us as we honor Kirk Dillard, Chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority Board of Directors at our Transportation & Logistics Industry Award. This event unites industry leaders around a shared commitment to developing the next generation of ethical, resilient, and service-oriented leaders through Scouting. This event recognizes the professionals whose work keeps our communities connected and moving through air, sea, and road.

REGISTER HERE



Whitney M. Young Jr., Service Awards

Wednesday, October 21 — The Ivy Room at Tree Studios

The Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award is presented to individuals or organizations in recognition of outstanding community service in the development and implementation of opportunities for youth from disadvantaged rural or urban communities.

REGISTER HERE

FAITH RELATIONS

COMING SOON

The Faith Relations Committee will be on the PTAC website! Check in to see what events are coming up, how to sign up for Religious Emblems, who to contact, etc.

Upcoming Holidays

Choose a faith that isn't yours and learn more about the religious holidays your fellow Scouts celebrate. Please note that the red note at the beginning of each month only applies if you have Scouts of those faiths in your unit.

2026 HOLIDAYS

Religious Activities

If your Scouts are participating in local Religious Activities, please send a short write up to ptacfaithrelations@gmail.com. We will try to include it in the newsletter.

EMAIL US HERE

Religious Emblems Coordinators

The committee is looking for a few more people to cover the following districts:

Checaugau
Iron Horse
Thunderbird
Tri-Star

For more information, please contact Donna at ptacfaithrelations@gmail.com.

EMAIL US HERE

Upcoming Events

Consider adding the PTAC Council Contingents to your prayers in July for safe travel and safety during their activities.

- July 4 to July 18 Council Contingent at Philmont Scout Ranch
- July 22 to July 31 Council Contingent at National Jamboree



Catholic Scouting - Join us in Prayer

- This July, as our nation celebrates its 250th anniversary, Catholic Scouts will come together in a powerful novena to honor America and seek the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

MORE INFO HERE



Philmont Summer Adult Trainings

- Adult Trainings are available at Philmont Scout Ranch this summer.

MORE INFO HERE



100th Anniversary Jewish Jamboree
Aug 9-12 2026, Ten Mile Scout Camp, NY

- 100th anniversary patches & epaulets at www.jewishscouting.org/shop/page/2

MORE INFO HERE



100th Anniversary of the Catholic Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem.

- All year long, any Scout who has earned their Ad Altare Dei award may order the anniversary patch and neckerchief.

MORE INFO HERE



2026 Jamboree! Summit, July 22-31, 2026

- Faith in Scouting will be represented at National Jamboree in the Faith and Beliefs Area. Visit your faith's tent to see what activities they have planned for you.

MORE INFO HERE

SPECIAL NEEDS IN SCOUTING

Celebrating Disability Pride Month in Pathway to Adventure Council

July is Disability Pride Month, a time to recognize the accomplishments, contributions, and experiences of individuals with disabilities. Disability Pride Month commemorates the signing of the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act on July 26, 1990, and highlights the importance of ensuring that individuals with disabilities have opportunities to participate fully in their communities.

For Scouting, Disability Pride Month is an opportunity to recognize the perseverance, leadership, skills, and unique perspectives that Scouts and Scouters with disabilities bring to our programs. It also serves as a reminder that the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law call us to be helpful, kind, and respectful of the needs of others.

The Pathway to Adventure Council Special Needs Committee works throughout the year to help units provide successful Scouting experiences for youth with a wide range of abilities and needs. The committee offers resources, guidance, training, and program support to leaders and families, helping Scouts participate in adventures, advancement, service, camping, and leadership opportunities. Through these efforts, more young people can experience the character development, citizenship, and personal growth that Scouting provides.

As we observe Disability Pride Month, we encourage all members of the Pathway to Adventure Council family to celebrate the achievements of Scouts with disabilities and to continue fostering a welcoming environment where every Scout has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

For more information about Special Needs Scouting resources and programs, please visit the council's Special Needs Scouting webpage

Or contact the Pathway to Adventure Council Special Needs Committee at sns@pathwaytoadventure.org.

CONTACT US

sns@pathwaytoadventure.org

Troop Leaders or parents are welcome to contact the SNS Committee for further information

PTAC SPECIAL NEEDS IN SCOUTING WEBPAGE

pathwaytoadventure.org/special-needs-in-scouting/

NATIONAL SPECIAL NEEDS IN SCOUTING WEBPAGE

scouting.org/resources/disabilities-awareness/



AWARD NOMINATIONS



NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award

The NOESA recognizes those Eagle Scouts who have inspired others through their actions and have devoted a lifetime to their profession, avocation, community, and beliefs at great sacrifice to themselves and their families. The award recognizes notable Eagle Scouts who have either performed distinguished service at the local, state, or regional level or who were known nationally for their professional and scouting achievements.

Nominations are due by 11:59 PM on November 23, 2026. The award will be presented as part of the Youth Recognition Dinner.

FORM HERE



Council Alumnus of the Year Award

The award recognizes an individual who reminds Scouting alumni to maintain a lifetime relationship with Scouting, who enable Scouting to remain healthy for future generations. Potential recipients may be nominated based:

- Career or avocation, such as achieving high honor or distinction in their profession.

- Community service, including contributions to Scouting or other community efforts.

- Scouting promotion, contributing significantly to the promotion, and/or advancement of the Scouting America alumni program and activities at a council level over a sustained period of time through word and/or deed.

Nominations are due by 11:59 PM on November 23, 2026. The award will be presented as part of the Council Recognition Dinner.

Direct any questions and submissions to: ptac.nesa@gmail.com

FORM HERE



Silver Beaver

Do you know a Scouter who has distinguished themselves in Scouting and the community? The Silver Beaver Award is intended to acknowledge noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters including but not limited to Cub Scouters, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts and Exploring leaders within the territory under the jurisdiction of Pathway to Adventure. It is the highest award a Scouting America Council can bestow upon a volunteer Scouter.

Spencer Long, Silver Beaver Chairman at spencer.long@gmail.com, or Wes Weems, Silver Beaver Staff Advisor at wesley.weems@scouting.org.

Nominations are due by Monday, November 23, 2026. This award will be presented at the Annual Council Recognition Dinner.

FORM HERE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Recently Elected

Congratulations on your election to the Order of the Arrow! We hope you are happy as we are that you are about to join our lodge! We know it can be difficult to navigate your induction weekend, so we have put together some resources and information for you on our website.

MORE INFO

Vigil Weekend

Congratulations to all of our Arrowmen who were selected for the Vigil Honor this year! If you are a Vigil member and wish to join us in celebrating these members, please join us for our Vigil weekend from August 29th - 30th at Camp Betz.

MORE INFO



OA At Owasippe

The Order of the Arrow is hosting two amazing events at Camp Owasippe this year! The first is the Banana Boat Bonanza every Monday. It's at Scoutcraft at Camp Blackhawk (GO!) and outside the North Lodge at Camp Wolverine (Zaxie!). Meet Arrowmen all over and kick off your week at camp with a banana boat! Additionally, on Thursday nights if you've been Ordeal for at least six months, you can complete your Brotherhood! If you need more information, feel free to email brotherhood@oa7.org or talk with one of the Summer Chiefs at camp.

REGISTER HERE



Summer Fellowship

The Summer Fellowship will take place on August 14-16, 2026 at Camp Betz. Both new and old arrowmen can join in with the fun throughout the weekend! New Arrowmen will also have the opportunity to complete their Induction Experience at camp during the day and then participate in fun activities in the evening.

REGISTER HERE



NOAC 2027 Application & Fundraiser

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is July 26 - 31, 2027! Held every two years at a major university campus, NOAC brings together up to 8,000 Arrowmen from across the country for an unforgettable experience. As the second-largest event in Scouting, surpassed only by the National Scout Jamboree, featuring high-energy nightly arena shows, training workshops, competitions, and much more.

Additionally, Takhone Lodge is offering a way for our members to lower their out-of-pocket costs by selling Albanese Gummi Bears.

Interested in attending as a Participant? If you would like to attend NOAC as a participant (and possibly participate in the Albanese fundraiser), please fill out the interest form! If you're interested in raising money by selling gummies, please email gummi@oa7.org

REGISTER HERE

SCOUT SHOP

July NEWSWIRE

YOUR DIRECT LINE TO THE LATEST ARRIVALS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY IS PACKED WITH REASONS TO STOP BY YOUR LOCAL SCOUT SHOP.

From patriotic favorites and summer adventure gear to outdoor essentials, our experts are here to help you find what you need for the season ahead.



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CURRENT & UPCOMING Events!

CELEBRATE THE 4TH OF JULY

Patriotic favorites made for Independence Day and beyond. Explore America's 250th anniversary gear, Americana styles, and more at your local Scout Shop. While you're there, ask about the Liberty in Action patch and how Scouts can earn theirs!

NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT DAY IS AUGUST 1

Celebrate the Eagle Scout who has made you proud. Visit your local Scout Shop for meaningful gifts, keepsakes, and apparel made to honor their incredible achievement.

SUMMER CLEARANCE

We're making room for great new products coming soon, and that means big savings for you! Visit your local Scout Shop for in-store clearance finds, with select items up to 80% off while supplies last!

BACK TO SCHOOL GEAR

Start the school year ready for every meeting, activity, and adventure in Scouting and beyond. Check out Cub Scout day packs, Add-A-Patch backpacks, string bags, and other everyday essentials built for busy Scouts.

SNEAK PEAK

NEW GEAR COMING SOON TO YOUR LOCAL SCOUT SHOP

SCOUTING AMERICA GOLD FOIL GREETING CARDS

SKU: 665774

The Scouting America Greeting Card Set (20 Pack) features an elegant gold foil fleur-de-lis and subtle micro-pattern design that celebrates the pride and tradition of Scouting. With 20 blank cards and matching envelopes, it's adaptable for both formal and personal use.



AMERICANA FOLDING KNIFE

SKU: 664826

Back by popular demand and ready for everyday outdoor use.



13 NEW KNIVES

SKU: 665309, 665317, 665330, 665331, 665352, 665353, 665354, 665355, 665363, 665364, 665365, 665373, 665452

Find your new favorite blade! Explore 13 new Scouting America knives featuring fresh designs, bold styles, and durable construction made for outdoor adventure. Visit your local Scout Shop to see the full assortment in store.



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