

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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SCOUTING FOR FOOD IS BACK IN 2026!

Get your unit signed up for this year's Scouting for Food drive!

Units can order custom Scouting for Food doorhangers to use while canvassing their neighborhoods, helping spread the word and encourage donations—but orders close March 2, so don't wait to sign up!

SIGN UP HERE

Districts Making a Difference: Innovation, Creativity, and Community at the District Level

Across our council, districts continue to prove that Scouting thrives when leaders embrace creativity, collaboration, and a shared commitment to youth. Whether through fundraising, recognition, program delivery, or outdoor adventure, districts are finding new and meaningful ways to support units and strengthen Scouting in their communities.

One shining example is **Five Creeks District**, which has transformed community engagement into a powerful fundraising and relationship-building opportunity. On **January 28, 2026**, Five Creeks hosted its **Community Service & Leadership Recognition Dinner** at the Moose Lodge in Mount Prospect. What began in 2024 with a modest goal of raising \$5,000 quickly exceeded expectations, generating **five-figure donations** and demonstrating the strong community belief in Scouting's mission.

Under the leadership of **Ann Kritzmire**, current District Chair, and **Ken Westlake**, immediate past District Chair, the event once again brought together mayors, CEOs, local politicians, and business leaders. Many attendees shared personal stories from their own time as Scouts, reinforcing the lifelong impact of Scouting and strengthening connections between the district and its surrounding communities.

Creativity was also on full display in **Trailblazer District**, where Commissioners and district committee members came together to thoughtfully select Scout leaders who went above and beyond in the previous year. Their recognition event featured a fun and memorable **Blues Brothers–themed ceremony**, celebrating their “shining stars” in a way that honored service while creating a sense of excitement and camaraderie. The event highlighted how recognition, when done creatively, can energize volunteers and strengthen district morale.

Meanwhile, **Tall Grass District** demonstrated outstanding planning and adaptability during their **Klondike Derby at Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta**, held in below-freezing temperatures. Through careful preparation, stations were strategically alternated between indoor pavilion spaces and outdoor activities, with warming stations available to keep Scouts safe and comfortable. From the photos shared afterward, it was clear that despite the cold, the event delivered adventure, teamwork, and fun—proving that great program happens when leaders plan with both creativity and care.

Whether a district is fundraising, recognizing leaders, training volunteers, recruiting new families, or delivering unforgettable programs, these examples show that success comes from embracing new approaches and creative program delivery. By collaborating, sharing ideas, and thinking beyond traditional models, districts can continue to grow, adapt, and make a meaningful difference for Scouts and communities alike.

Yours In Scouting,
Bertha Guzman – Council Commissioner



RECRUITMENT READINESS

Welcome to the February Membership article. While Retention, Arrow of Light-to-Scout Transition and Spring Recruitment will be discussed at Roundtables over the next couple of months, I would like to use this article to briefly nurture that seed of “proactive planning” for these topics within this newsletter. Please remember, a New Member Coordinator can assist your unit with each of these topics.

Crossover of our AOLS Scouts into our Troops:

- The information in the following link covers the Arrow of Light Required Adventures, Unit Responsibilities details, and Unit Commissioner responsibilities along with the Keys for a 12-month Arrow of Light-to-Scout Plan
 - Arrow of Light-to-Scouts Transition at: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/resources/recruitment-marketing/webelos-to-scouts-transition/>
- Our goal should be to have our AOL Scouts cross over to a troop by early March, so they have the opportunity to participate with the activities in their new unit, which includes weekend camping, prior to attending Summer Camp
- How is your Pack tracking towards this goal?
 - Please reach out to a Troop, your District Membership Chair or your DE if you have any questions or need assistance with preparing your AOL Scouts for Crossover

Family Troop Option:

- All existing troops, boy and girl are eligible to adopt the family troop option
- If your unit’s decision is to form a family troop, please follow the instructions contained within the guides found on the PTAC Website as follows:
 - Resources -> Unit Resources -> Family Troop Option
- Please direct all Family Troop questions to Rick Romani (arrek1@hotmail.com)

Spring Recruitment:

- Start your planning needs to consider using Peer-to-Peer Recruitment at any of your upcoming events
 - A couple of examples of a unit event is a Pinewood Derby or if your unit is participating at a Scout Sunday Service
 - If you select a Pinewood Derby as your recruitment event, have a couple of extra cars so your guests can participate in the races
 - Please include Geofencing and Social Media to help advertise your recruitment events
- Please remember to involve the new Scouts and Families in your unit to feel “Welcome and Included”
- Please reach out to your Membership Chair or your DE if you have any questions or need supplies for your upcoming events

Ongoing Membership and Unit Renewal Support:

- If your unit has any Membership Renewals in their “Lapse Period” or if your Unit Renewal is outstanding, your District or Unit Commissioner, District Membership Chair, District Chair and / or your DE will be reaching out to you asking, “How Can We Help”
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Any unit that is in their “Lapse Period” with a Renewal Status of “Renewal not Started” and “Pending Approval” do not have access to Scoutbook +
 - This affects entries for rank advancement, including Eagle Applications

In closing, we need to remember that all our new and existing Families and Scouts 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

SPECIAL EVENTS



Annual Recognition Luncheon

February 22, 2026 — Join us as we recognize the volunteers of our Council while having fun with fellowship, photo opportunities, and more! The highlight of the event is the presentation of the Silver Beaver Award, the highest recognition presented on the Council level.

Awards Presented: Silver Beaver, Council Alumnus of the Year, Special Needs Scouting Service Award, Torch of Gold, Venturing Leadership Award

Silver Beaver Recipients: John Biek, Ledell Carr, Sr., Jamie Goodwin, Deb Jennings, Anne Kritzmire, Dr. Blaise Lukasiewicz, Jeffrey Nowik, and Rich Stanislawski

Torch of Gold Recipient: Bill Howard

Alumnus of the Year Recipient: John A. Beebe, Sr.

Special Needs Scouting Service Recipient: MarcyJo Chachakis

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Youth Recognition Dinner

March 7, 2026 — Join us to celebrate our Eagle Scouts, Venturing Summit Award Recipients and Sea Scout Quartermaster Award Recipients who received their award through 2025. This is the annual youth recognition event for those who attained the highest possible award in their chosen program.

Awards Presented: Eagle Scouts of 2025, Venturing Summit Award, Sea Scout Quartermaster Award, NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award, Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award, Venturing Leadership Award

NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Recipients: Brian Carlson, Martin Michels, Karl Nilsen, Noel Pawlak, and Brian Schaeffer

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



PTAC'S ANNUAL **PINEWOOD DERBY**

Hosted by Trailblazer District

Event Highlights

- Build Your Own Lego Car
- Tips and Tricks Table
- Open Division Race
(Open to all participants)

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

WOODFIELD MALL | REGISTRATION CLOSSES
SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS | APRIL 10

FOR QUESTIONS AND TO VOLUNTEER, CONTACT:
DAVID TAFUR AT DAVID.TAFUR@SCOUTING.ORG



Registration is open online but closes April 10, 2026. [Pinewood Derby Race and Design Rules](#) are available online.

There is no cost for participation or to watch the racing and design competition. Adult volunteers are sought for setup, track operations and judging.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



St. Patrick's Day Parade

Join us for St. Patrick's Day fun on Saturday, March 14, 2026!

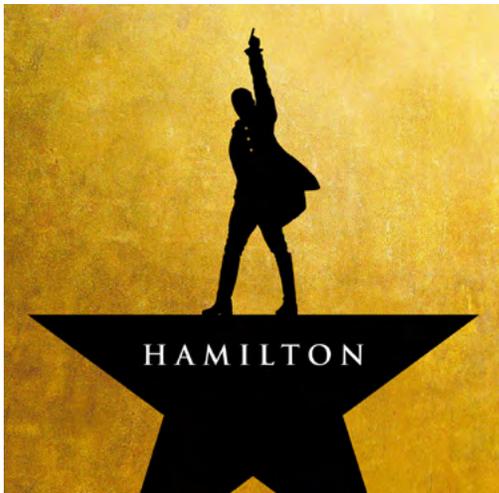
Scouts, families, and friends are invited to march with the Chicago Federation of Labor in one of two St. Patrick's Day parades:

Archer Avenue St. Patrick's Day Parade – 12PM – Byrne Elementary School

Downtown St. Patrick's Day Parade – 12:15PM – Columbus & Balbo Drive

Participants will enjoy corned beef and turkey sandwiches, St. Patrick's Day swag, and help hand out candy and stickers. More details to come—dress for the weather and come celebrate this Chicago tradition with us!

[REGISTER HERE](#)



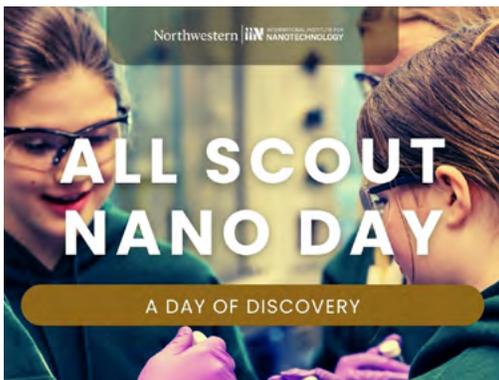
Broadway in Chicago: Hamilton

Join us on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM to see Hamilton on Broadway at the CIBC Theatre at a deeply discounted price!

Tickets are just \$33 per person, and we have 40 tickets available, so spots are limited! The show is recommended for ages 10 and up, making it a great opportunity for Scouts and families to experience this iconic production together.

Registration will close on Friday, February 27, and payment must be submitted by March 6 to secure tickets. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to experience Hamilton with your Scouting community!

[REGISTER HERE](#)



All Scout Nano Day

The International Institute for Nanotechnology at Northwestern University invites Scouts to experience All Scout Nano Day on April 11, 2026—a hands-on science event that's inspired over 1,600 Scouts during its 20-year history. Participants will explore what nanotechnology is, see real laboratory demonstrations, take part in interactive activities, and showcase troop posters for awards. A special session for parents will highlight pathways in science and engineering.

RSVP required. Tickets are needed for all Scouts and adults.

Registration closes March 20, 2026.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Chicago White Sox

Saturday, May 9 – 6:10pm – Guaranteed Rate Field

Ticket Includes exclusive Scout Night patch, pregame parade on the field, Pack/Troop shoutout on videoboard, Scouting activities in the Kids Zone throughout the game! Portion of the proceeds will go back to PTAC to support local Scouting programs.

For group tickets, contact Ryan Smith at rsmith@chisox.com or call 312-674-5459

TICKETS HERE



Chicago Dogs

Saturday, June 13 – 6pm – Impact Field

Ticket Includes Chicago Dogs Hat, exclusive Scout Night patch, pregame Raingutter Regatta, pregame parade on the field, postgame fireworks show! Optional meal addon available. Portion of the proceeds will go back to PTAC to support local Scouting programs.

Questions, contact shaunv@thechicagodogs.com or call 224-781-1808

TICKETS HERE



Chicago Bulls

Sunday, April 5 – 2:30pm – United Center

Cheer with us this season at the United Center! Join Pathway to Adventure Council for a legendary group outing with the Chicago Bulls. Share the excitement of Bulls basketball and the NBA's leading entertainment experience as the team takes on the Pheonix Suns. Get your tickets now through the link below!

For +15 group tickets, contact Joe Hunt at jhunt@bulls.com or 312-455-4173

TICKETS HERE



Chicago Fire

Saturday, May 9 – 1:30pm – Soldier Field

Ticket includes exclusive Scout Night patch and pregame parade on the field at 12:15pm! Portion of the proceeds will go back to PTAC to support local Scouting programs.

For +10 group tickets, contact Mason Clynes at mclynes@chicagofirefc.com or 872-710-0548

TICKETS HERE

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Calling all Cub Scouts, family, and friends! Looking for a family-friendly Saturday to spend with your Scout and their friends? Join us at Cub Scout Day Camp this summer to investigate the great outdoors at a location near you! Participate in themed events, crafting, STEM projects, range & target activities, games and more! Every participant will take home a commemorative Day Camp item.

2026 SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 9AM - 3PM

Orland Park
Christ Lutheran Church

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 9AM - 3PM

Munster, IN
Robert J. Welsh Center for Scouting

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 9AM - 3PM

Burr Ridge
St. Helena Episcopal Church

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 9AM - 3PM

Oak Lawn
Columbus Manor Park

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 9AM - 3PM

Schaumburg
Our Saviour's United Methodist Church

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 9AM - 3PM

Park Ridge
Catherine Chevalier Woods Picnic Grove #3

FUN ACTIVITIES!

- Nature Exploration
- Curious Experiments
- Outdoor Skills
- Arts & Crafts
- Range & Target Activities
- Friends & Family Fun

2026 FEES

Scouts	\$35
Siblings & Friends	\$35
Adults	FREE



HIGH ADVENTURE



2026 National Jamboree

Scouts and Venturers across Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana will travel together to the 2026 National Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve to experience an adventure of a lifetime!

We still have space for both youth and adult leader participants and would love to have you join. Visit the registration page for more information on getting signed up and who to go for with any questions!

PTAC Scouters, if you are planning to attend the 2026 National Jamboree but not as part of our PTAC council contingent, we would like to know. WE are getting close to purchasing our duffel bags, and would like to give you the opportunity to purchase one if you so wish. If so, please email Betsy Gates-Ehlers at betsy.gatesehlers@pathwaytoadventure.org

REGISTER HERE

2027 Philmont



Pathway to Adventure Council is organizing the 2027 Council Contingent Trek to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico.

- **The contingent will depart Chicago on July 3 and return on July 17.**
- **The per person fee, estimated to be \$2,850.00,** will include the Philmont registration fee, all trip transportation, a Taste of Philmont in February, a 10 mile Shakedown Hike in March, the Shakedown Weekend in April, Philmont belt & buckle, trail tee shirts, a laundry bag for transporting a backpack, and more.

Registration closes on March 20, 2026.

REGISTER HERE

2027 World Jamboree

26th World Scout Jamboree – Gdańsk, Poland: July 30, 2027 – August 8, 2027

The World Scout Jamboree is one of the largest outdoor educational events for youth on the planet! Tens of thousands of Scouts from all over the world come together to camp outdoors and join in fun activities where they make new friends, learn about other cultures, and develop leadership skills that will last a lifetime. This event is open to Scouts between the ages of 14 and 17 from all 176 Member Organizations.

WORLD JAMBOREE



POLAND 2027

World Scout
26th Jamboree
Scout Mondial



OWASIPPE



OWASIPPE

◆ *America's Oldest Scout Camp* ◆



SESSIONS

June 14 - June 20

June 21 - June 27

June 28 - July 4

July 5 - July 11

July 12 - July 18

July 19 - July 25

July 26 - August 1

◆ **NEW – OWASIPPE MAXED** ◆

New for 2026, Session 3 brings **Owasippe MAXED**—a week of exclusive programs, merit badges, and high adventure experiences only available **June 28–July 4**. Scouts can tackle the new Multisport Merit Badge, Golf Merit Badge with disc-golf options, and more. Special events include Night Zip Lining, Blacklight Range & Target activities, ATV Overnights, and Specialty River Trips. MAXED also features three-day high adventure camps like Fishing Camp (with Angler Award), Trek Camp, River Canoe Camp, and Conservation Camp. Don't miss this chance to push your limits and try something new!

ACTIVITIES

Sailboats

Camping

ATVs

Horseback Riding

Mountain Biking

Water Skiing

Clay Shooting

Archery

Metalworking

Scoutcraft

Handicraft

Lake Tubing

Fishing

COPE

Climbing

Zip Line

& More!

OWASIPPE

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](#)

[WEBPAGE](#)



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](#)

[WEBPAGE](#)



CAMP BETZ



SCOUTS, START YOUR ENGINES

The roar of adventure is calling — it's time to hit the track for the Betz 250! Cub Scouts and their families will race through a weekend packed with outdoor challenges, themed adventures, and all the classic camp fun you love. Parents, guardians, and siblings are all part of the race team and invited to join in on the fun!

Sign up now and secure your spot on the starting line! Then keep your eyes on the finish line—because Family Camp memories last forever.



2026 SCHEDULE

SESSION 1	June 26 - June 28
SESSION 2	July 10 - July 12
SESSION 3	July 17 - July 19
SESSION 4	July 24 - July 26
SESSION 5	July 31 - August 2
SESSION 6	August 7 - August 9

QUESTIONS?

Contact PTAC.Camping@scouting.org

2026 FEES

STANDARD FEE

Scouts & Siblings 5-15yrs	\$95
Adults & Siblings 16+yrs	\$55
Siblings 0-4yrs	FREE

AFTER JUNE 1

Scouts & Siblings 5-15yrs	\$105
Adults & Siblings 16+yrs	\$65
Siblings 0-4yrs	FREE

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

The Family Camp program includes a full schedule of high-speed fun from Friday night to Sunday morning, delicious meals and snacks, crafts to take home, and an exclusive camp shirt and patch.

ON THE TRACK THIS YEAR!

- SWIMMING & BOATING (YOU MAY GET WET!)
- RANGE & TARGET SPORTS
- WOOD & LEATHER CRAFTS
- SATURDAY NIGHT FIRE BOWL
- 57 ACRES OF WOODED CAMPSITES

TRACK LOCATION: **CAMP BETZ** | 3858 SNOW RD. | BERRIEN SPRINGS, MI

TRAINING

Advancement and Recognition Webinar

Advancement and Recognition Committee presents our monthly webinar informational series! On the 3rd Thursday of each month, our team will bring you news, information, and training about all aspects of advancement and recognition from across Scouting America.

[MORE INFO HERE](#)



Cub Scout Rangemaster Training

Archery, BBs and slingshot are consistently the top-rated activities for our Cub Scouts and their families. Certified Rangemasters are vital for delivering a safe and enjoyable environment to learn and practice these skills.

In March, we will have three FREE, hands-on training opportunities covering range setup, equipment handling, and safety protocols, qualifying you for two years to run Cub Scout ranges at Council and District events. No range experience required!

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Wilderness First Aid Training

Wilderness First Aid training is March 20–21, April 17–18, and May 15–16 at the Pleasantview Fire Department

Wilderness First Aid is essential for leaders planning to attend the 2026 National Jamboree and other high-adventure events. This 16-hour course meets Scouting America's requirements and covers the critical skills needed to respond to emergencies in the backcountry.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Training

Are you a new Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster? Maybe you've been one for a while but want to refresh your skills? This in-person training will give you tools and knowledge to lead your Scouts in a safe, engaging, and effective program!

March 21, 9am-3:30pm at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, La Grange Park

This is an opportunity to work toward your position-specific training alongside dedicated leaders like yourself.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

TRAINING



Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training

April 18 – 9-2:30PM – St. Michael's Lutheran Church, La Grange Park

Cubmasters, den leaders, and committee members are invited to join us for a hands-on training designed to help you lead with confidence. Learn practical tips for planning fun, engaging meetings, fostering youth development, and working effectively with families.

This in-person session also fulfills the training requirement for Cub Scout leaders to be considered "Trained" for their position.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Citizens in Society Merit Badge

Scouts learn how to live by the Oath and Law by doing. They learn how to work together on campouts, helping others through public service and Eagle projects, and negotiate with each other and their adult leaders to plan activities. Empathy is both a learned skill and a habit that develops over a lifetime. To help Scouts strengthen their empathy skills, we have developed a seven-minute video. **The video can be shown in a unit meeting or as a closing part of Citizenship in Society merit badge instruction. Stop video around 4:40 for a brief discussion about the empathy questions raised.**

[VIDEO HERE](#)



Wood Badge

Wood Badge isn't just another training course—it's an immersive leadership experience for those who want to grow, challenge themselves, and make a lasting impact.

Whether you're a Cub Scout leader, a Scouts BSA volunteer, or a Scouting professional, this advanced adult leadership training is designed for those who are ready to go beyond the basics. Through team development, communication, and hands-on problem-solving, you'll gain practical tools and lifelong insight to lead with confidence, both in and out of Scouting.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

EAGLE SCOUTS



College Scholarship

Attention Eagle Scouts!

Don't miss out on an opportunity to secure \$1,000 for each year of college to help with your education. Planning on becoming an apprentice in the skilled trades? You qualify too! This is only open to Eagle Scouts from PTAC.

[FORM HERE](#)

GOLF 2026 CLASSIC

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Monday, June 8, 2026

Itasca Country Club
400 E Orchard St, Itasca, IL

Join Our Committee!

Interested in contributing more directly to this event? Join our small committee of golfers, Eagle Scouts, and sponsors. **Committee members help drive attendance, secure sponsorships, and ensure the outing's success, making a meaningful impact without a major time commitment.**

Contact: Hillary Mittelman at Hillary.Mittelman@scouting.org or (872) 298-1812

COUNCIL COMMITTEE NEWS

Faith Relations Committee

Upcoming Events



Scout Sunday: February will mark another Scouting Anniversary! If your unit doesn't celebrate Scout Sunday as a whole with your COR, you can ask your own religious leader to make an announcement at your worship service for you and other scouts at your place of worship. [If you need help planning see the information in this Scout Sunday link.](#) This year Scout Sunday is February 1st, but your place of worship can choose another Sunday (or Saturday) service. If you attend one, send us pictures for the newsletter!



Scout Shabbat: Friday, February 6, 2026 Join scouts from Northeast Illinois Council at Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook, IL 6pm [More information here and register](#) by RSVP to Howard Prager at ceregion@jewishscouting.org

May 7 - Scouts Read Sacred Texts: You can register your unit or just yourself here. [See flyer for QR code](#) to register or [visit the website here.](#)

Scouts and Neighborhood Religious Activities



Peace Light: If you participated in the Peace light events in December around the PTAC area, please submit a picture to us.

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.

District Religious Emblems Coordinators

The committee is looking for a few more people to cover the following districts: **Checaugau, Iron Horse, Thunderbird, Tri-Star, Trailblazer**
For more information, please contact Donna at ptacfaithrelations@gmail.com.

International Scouting Committee

International Scouting Conference at Philmont in 2026, designed to meet leaders where they are and help them bring meaningful international opportunities back home.

Participants may choose from four themed tracks:

World Events Track – How world Scouting events are designed, coordinated, and supported.

International Representatives Track – For current and prospective IRs focused on partnerships and council-level international programming.

Build Your Own Adventure Track – Practical strategies for creating global experiences for units and districts.

International Strategy Track – Invitation-only; explores integrating global Scouting into long-term council culture and strategy.

This conference is valuable for unit leaders, district and council committee members, and any volunteer interested in world Scouting

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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 ordeal weekend, so we have put together some resources and information for you on our website.

[MORE INFO](#)



Elections & Visitations

Every year Order of the Arrow representatives visit units in order to elect eligible Order of the Arrow members, share information about OA and council programming, and help get scouts excited about summer camp. If you haven't scheduled your election yet, get it scheduled today!

[MORE INFO](#)

Arrowmen Leadership Lock-In

This year's leadership training for arrowmen will be from February 21st to 22nd. This is an annual opportunity for arrowmen to develop their leadership training through key training led by lodge members.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Potawatomi Hike

Potawatomi hike will be on March 21st at Indiana Dunes State Park. This is a great opportunity for troops to get rank requirements done including the five mile hike.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Vigil Nominations

Vigil nominations are now open. The form and place to submit can be found online. The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following:

- Lodge
- Order of the Arrow
- Scouting community
- Scout Camp

Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered lodge is eligible for recommendation to the National Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual

[MORE INFO](#)

SCOUT SHOP



CUT DAYS

LaGrange

(9:30 am - 1:30 pm)

~~December 13, 2025~~

~~January 10, 2026~~

~~January 24, 2026~~

February 7, 2026

February 21, 2026

March 7, 2026

Arlington Heights

(10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

~~December 20, 2025~~

~~January 3, 2026~~

~~January 17, 2026~~

February 14, 2026

February 28, 2026

March 14, 2026

Bring in your car kit with the design you want drawn on the side,
or use one of our templates.

Full stock of cars and supplies available for purchase.



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Chicago Center for Scouting

106 N. Aberdeen St., Suite 200 | Chicago, IL 60607

La Grange Center for Scouting

27 Calendar Ave., 2nd Floor | La Grange, IL 60525

Robert J. Welsh Center for Scouting

8751 Calumet Ave. | Munster, IN 46321

Do You Have A Scout Story To Share?

Don't keep the good work your Scouts do a secret. Tell us what they did and send a couple pictures. We might put your story on our social media or perhaps your Scout will be the feature in our next story.

Help get Scouts the recognition they deserve!

SHARE HERE!

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