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President's Message

Today I return to our name – Pathway – and reflect with you on challenges that we must overcome. By that I mean the forces of disruption in our world and our quest to prepare our youth, families and communities to meet and harness them. We have no more important job.

We live in a world that is constantly evolving, and so is our immediate environment. Today all our institutions are under assault. It's happened before. Every 500 years, civilization enters a new age. This is the computer age. Sociologists say we are in for 200 years of disruption.

There are many disrupters. The business consulting firm McKinsey lists emerging markets, accelerating technological impact, aging populations, and rapid migrations of people, data and trade. Others name environmental, political and governmental regulatory changes.

It is up to each of us – individually but working together - to adapt and thrive amidst these changes. Navigating the shifts gracefully requires a mindset of flexibility and a resilient comportment. Of all youth programs, Scouting is the most capable of meeting these challenges and turning them into opportunities.

As my friend Emilyn Cabalfin reminds me, it is important to stay calm and centered during periods of transition. She notes that change can be unsettling, but maintaining composure allows us to approach challenges with clarity and make informed decisions; resilience is our strength. I have learned that composure depends upon confidence, and confidence comes from adherence to a set of unchanging first principles; commitment to them gives us abiding hope and the will to succeed.

We are called Pathway because we follow a well-trodden path. Our mission is to instill lifetime values and develop leadership skills in our youth; our goal is to develop ethical character in them; our map is the Scouting program; our compass has 12 points – the Scout Law, and our guiding light is the Scout Oath.

I am confident that Pathway will accomplish all this and more. THANK YOU for all that you do – and more importantly for everything that you will do – in Pathway Scouting. And may God bless America.

Stephen Schwab
Council President



Metals Industry Dinner - Ceremony Scouts Wanted!

Don't miss your opportunity to capture memories of your Scouts proudly presenting our nation's colors to 1000+ VIPs alongside Scouts from across PTAC's footprint. A wonderful dinner is provided for Scouts and their chaperones. Parking is covered too. A Class uniforms are a must. FILL OUT AND RETURN THE FORM BY APRIL 21st.

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Council Monthly

Commissioner's Corner

It's Pinewood Derby Time!

Since 1953, Cub Scouts have been racing hand crafted wooden cars down tracks. The Pinewood Derby is such a great tradition –teaching creativity, engineering, and sportsmanship all in one. Each Scout begins with a simple kit and customizes their car with paint, decals, and added weight or clay to optimize speed and style. The official Pinewood Derby kit, a Scouting America product, is tested for quality and includes only a wooden block, wheels, and axles. Whether a Scout's goal is to build the fastest car, the best-looking design, or simply to have fun, the Pinewood Derby fosters teamwork, family involvement, scientific thinking, and friendly competition.

This year, Pack 55 from Raymond's Catholic Church in Mount Prospect, part of the Five Creeks District, held an exciting Pinewood Derby event. With 69 registered Cub Scouts in the Pack, approximately 60 cars competed in the race. Volunteers from the Order of the Arrow and Scouts from Troop 155 stepped up to help run and staff the event. Families gathered in the school gym to cheer on the racers as cars were judged for both speed and design.

One standout racer was Tiger Scout Zoey Latta who not only won first place in her den for the fastest car but also claimed first place overall in the entire Pack! Making history, Zoey became the first female Cub Scout to win Pack 55's Pinewood Derby. Zoey is one of four girls in Pack 55, and her achievement is an inspiration to all young Scouts. **Congratulations Zoey!**



Pictures include Zoey who is on the far left of the top 3 Pinewood Derby winners and on the far right with the Tiger den winners. Thanks to Tammy King - Committee Chair, Patrick Strybel - Cubmaster, and Steve Knogl - Unit Commissioner for providing details and photos of Pack 55's Pinewood Derby.

All districts are invited to attend the Pinewood Derby at Woodfield Mall, Grand Court, Schaumburg, IL on April 27, 2025 from 12 pm to 3 pm.

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Bertha Guzman
Council Commissioner



Recruitment Readiness

March Membership Article

Welcome to the March monthly Membership newsletter article. This month's article is to support the Arrow of Light-to-Scout Transition and Spring Recruitment discussions that will happen at our Roundtables over the next couple of months.

For Spring Recruitment, units should only recruit if they plan to be active during the summer. Participating in PTAC's Day & Family Camp is a perfect opportunity to use Peer-to-Peer Recruitment to invite new families to join your Pack. Any youth who might join in April and May should participate in the unit events, but do not start any advancement until June 1st. When recruiting, you should include Day Care Centers with Geofencing and use Day Camp Flyers at your school's "End-of-School" events.

Scouting For Food is a great opportunity to help those in need within your community and is an excellent opportunity to assist with your Spring Recruitment, whether you are a Pack, Troop, Ship, Crew, Club or Post. The Scouting For Food committee has created a door hanger that has a blank space on the back for a 5160 Avery Sticker. A unit has options to what information they would like to place on this sticker, whether an upcoming unit event, a unit meeting or just your unit's contact and website information.

For AOL Crossovers, this would be the perfect opportunity for Troops to use Peer-to-Peer Recruitment at the same time your AOL Scouts are crossing over. Another option would be to have a Peer-to-Peer Recruitment event after summer camp, so your new Scouts can invite their friends so they can share the fun they had at camp. Please work with your District Membership Chair and DE as there are options in case a female AOL Scout does not have a Girl Troop in their neighborhood.

Your unit should continue addressing your Online Applications and Leads. Please remember with an Online Lead, that a family is recruiting your unit for their child. A "Rule of Thumb" is you should respond to the questions in that Lead within 24-72 hours. Remember, you cannot make a second first impression. Please use the mindset of LEAVE NO SCOUT BEHIND!!!!

Recruitment Materials & Tools:

- Membership Materials (<https://pathwaytoadventure.org/unit-resources/recruitment-materials/>)
 - Under Recruitment Readiness, there are Resource buttons that will take you to Custom Video Request, Geofence Request, Print Request, Membership Resources, Unit Resources and Membership Applications
 - These tools and resources will provide ideas for youth and adult recruitment along with family engagement
 - This webpage contains the following materials to support either a Pack or Troop recruitment event
 - Flyers (multiple options including boys & girls)
 - These flyers contain pictures of youth from our units participating in PTAC events)
 - Peer-to-Peer Cards
 - Important Documents and Additional Materials to support your recruitment events

In closing, 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. Please remember, a successful recruitment program, for both youth and adults, should be 24/7 as it can 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

Scout Stories

Scout Skills Showdown!

In honor of World Scout Day, two of WGN's finest, and former Scouts—Dean Richards and Marcus Leshock—stepped up to challenge the Cub Scouts of Pack 3177. The competition? A Scout skills showdown!

They started with who could tie a square knot the fastest, then battled against the clock to fold the perfect paper airplane that could go the distance, and ended with a race to the finish with Pinewood Derby cars!

In true Scouting spirit, everyone walked away a winner—especially in fun and teamwork. Check out the full video!



[VIEW VIDEO HERE](#)

Journalism Merit Badge at CBS Chicago

Scouts from Troop 318 recently had the incredible opportunity to visit CBS Chicago for the Journalism Merit Badge. During their visit, they gained firsthand insights into the world of broadcast journalism and the essential role of the First Amendment and Freedom of the Press.

Marie Saavedra discussed journalism career paths, industry terminology, and the importance of a free press. Scouts were able to watch her in action on set and from the control room.

Additionally, David Yeomans, Meteorologist, demonstrated cutting-edge 3D green screen technology, showing how it enhances weather reporting to create more impactful forecasts.



A Morning of Service

Cub Scouts from Pack 773 and Scouts from Troop 276 honored Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a service project at Eggers Woods, sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

A highlight was a special visit from Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who took the time to personally thank each Scout for their efforts. They also met Marianne Kozlowski, the site steward of Eggers Woods, who shared a brief history of the area and its ecological significance.

Cub Scouts cleaned up litter and spread native seeds, while Troop 276 cleared invasive Buckthorn to restore the habitat. Their hard work was rewarded with s'mores and hot chocolate, a sweet ending to a morning of service!



Camp



Owasippe

At Owasippe, the waterfront beckons with thrilling water sports like skiing, tubing, and boating. Feeling daring? Our high adventure posts are your ticket to ziplining through the treetops and testing your fortitude on thrilling C.O.P.E. courses. For those who love tradition, there's Scoutcraft and Handicraft, as well as a multitude of merit badges to earn. And don't forget our Diamond O Ranch, where you can saddle up and explore the wilderness on horseback! Feeling crafty? The Flintlock Village is your chance to test your blacksmithing and handiness, creating unique keepsakes that you can cherish forever. And for those with a need for speed, we have ATVs and mountain biking to get your heart racing. So, grab your gear, rally your fellow Scouts, and answer the call of adventure at Owasippe!

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Cub Scout Resident Camp - At Owasippe

Join us this summer at Owasippe Cub Scout Resident Camp! Scouts will get to enjoy the outdoors like never before and see what's to come when they transition into Scouts BSA. Picture yourself diving into a refreshing pool, mastering your aim in target sports, getting hands-on with STEM activities, discovering the wonders of the outdoors and wildlife, all while bonding with friends and creating memories. Don't miss out—secure your spot today and get ready to make this summer one for the books!

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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.

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Camp



Betz Cub Scout Family Camp

Join us for the 2025 Cub Scout Family Camp and experience “Waves of Adventure” this summer at our “Betz Beach Blast!”

Cub Scouts will get to experience all the joys of camping and exciting activities with the comfort of their pack. Canoe around Lake Chapin, test your aim with slingshots and archery, do crafts, build things, and enjoy the summer with your friends! Parents, guardians, and siblings are invited to join in on the fun as well!

Group Registrations can be made until May 1st and must be Fully Converted by April 1st. Early Bird Pricing Ends May 31st.

Contact PTAC.Betz.FamilyCamp@gmail.com for any question.

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Cub Scout Day Camp

Another summer of Day Camp is right around the corner! Join us in the PTAC Inventors Club, where adventure and creativity come to life through a day of range and target activities, STEM projects, outdoor games, and more! This exciting program is open to all Cub Scouts, siblings, and friends entering 1st through 5th grade in the Fall of 2025. It's a perfect opportunity to share the Scouting experience with your whole family and friends.

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Scout Nights

Scout Nights are back! Don't miss out on exclusive Scout Night ticket offers for the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bulls, and Chicago Fire FC! Enjoy the game, collect a special Scout patch, and support local Scouting!



Exclusive Patch!

**Chicago Cubs vs.
San Diego Padres**

Sunday, April 6 | 1:20 PM
at Wrigley Field

CUBS TICKETS



Exclusive Patch!

**Chicago Bulls vs.
Washington Wizards**

Friday, April 11 | 7:00 PM
at United Center

BULLS TICKETS



Exclusive Patch!

**Chicago Fire FC vs.
Atlanta United FC**

Saturday, May 10 | 1:30 PM
at Soldier Field

FIRE TICKETS

Events & Activities



Fly Fishing Merit Badge

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.

Five sessions are available, all sessions are 8:30am-4pm at Camp Sagawau Environmental Education Center & Maple Lake (Cook County Forest Preserves)

Space is limited to 16 participants per session—register early!

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

[MORE INFO HERE](#)

[EMAIL HERE](#)



All Scouts Pinewood Derby!

All are invited to attend the FREE Pinewood Derby at Woodfield Mall on April 27.

Compete in the Open Division Race, where Scouts, friends, and adults can race custom-built cars. Visit the Tips & Tricks Table for expert advice on building a winning car. Check out a real full-size racecar up close and even build your own mini LEGO racecar and test it on the track. Don't miss this action-packed day of racing fun! Stay tuned for registration details.

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Chicago Federation of Labor's May Day 5K Run and Walk Event

Join the Chicago Federation of Labor's May Day 5K Run/Walk event on Sunday, April 27th from 6:30am-10:00am. There will be many different volunteer opportunities throughout the event. The race will take place at the Chicago Lakefront Path outside McCormick Place Lakeside Center. This is a great opportunity to get to meet local labor leaders!

Address: 2301 S. Jean Baptiste Point DuSable Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL

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Events & Activities



2025 Scouting for Food

On April 26th, Scouts will canvass their neighborhoods distributing informational doorhangers. The following weekend, they'll return to collect donations of non-perishable, nonexpired items and deliver them to local food pantries. Unit Scouting for Food coordinators can register to receive doorhangers and thank-you cards for canvassing.

MORE INFO HERE



Wood Badge Dinner & Reunion

Registration is still open for the annual Wood Badge dinner on March 9th! Wood Badge is more than just an adult training course—it's a leadership experience designed to strengthen Scouting at all levels. Whether you're a past participant, a future candidate, or simply curious about how strong leadership translates into a better program for youth, we invite you to join us for an evening of food, fellowship and recognition.

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St. Patrick's Day Parade

Join us at the St. Patty's Day Parade Downtown on March 15! See the Chicago River dyed green at 10am then at 12:30 p.m. join the parade. Staging begins at Columbus and Balbo Drive, ending at Columbus and Monroe. The parade route is ½ mile long.

Fill out this form to reserve your spot and receive more information.

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2026 Philmont Contingent

Embark on an unforgettable 11-day backpacking trek across 137,000 acres of rugged backcountry in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of New Mexico. Hike through breathtaking landscapes, challenge yourself with high-adventure activities, and build lifelong friendships—all while experiencing why Philmont is known as Scouting Heaven!

Registration closes on March 21, 2025.

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Events & Activities



2025 Time Trek Camporee

SCOUTS OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED!

Step into a captivating realm where the boundaries of time blur, and the Time Trek Camporee: Journey Through the Ages beckons you to embark on an extraordinary Scouting adventure. Brace yourself for an unparalleled experience that transcends the ordinary, as we transport you on an exhilarating journey through the annals of history. From the mysteries of ancient civilizations to the marvels of futuristic landscapes, this camporee guarantees an immersive and unforgettable escapade, promising cherished memories that will endure for a lifetime.

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Camporee Leadership

The 2025 Council Camporee is shaping up to be an unforgettable adventure, but we need your help to bring history—and the future—to life! We're looking for a few more volunteers to help fill out the leadership committee.

1. Medical Lead – Keep our time travelers healthy
2. Security Lead – Keep our crews safe
3. Finance Lead – Keep our supply drops organized and on budget

If you or somebody you know might be interested, please get in touch at ptac.camporee@pathwaytoadventure.org.

EMAIL HERE



2026 Jamboree Contingent

Jamboree is more than a destination. It's the adventure of a lifetime, and there is simply nothing else like it on the planet. What's a Jamboree? It's not camp. National Jamboree is 360 degrees of fun, friends, and fellowship with hands-on adventures that will take you places you never thought you'd go and challenge you to try things you never thought you could.

PTAC will be taking a Contingent in 2026. Click the link below for all Jamboree information, to register, and sign up for our email list!

JAMBOREE WEBPAGE



Training



Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation Training (BALOO)

Planning a campout with your Cub Scouts? BALOO is required training for at least one adult on all Cub Scout overnight events. This course provides the knowledge and hands-on skills to confidently lead safe, fun, and meaningful outdoor experiences! Join us on May 17-18 at Camp Palos for an immersive and engaging weekend.

REGISTER HERE



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

Are you a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster? Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) is here to help you confidently provide a well-rounded experience for your Scouts! This overnight, immersive training covers the outdoor skills that Scouts must master through First Class rank, ensuring you can guide them along the way. Join us on May 17-18 at Camp Palos for a fun and interactive weekend, and complete your position-specific training in the process!

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Cub Scout Rangemaster Training

Last summer, Cub Scout range and target activities became elective Adventures that can go toward earning a badge of rank. BB gun shooting, archery and slingshot can happen only at district or council events with properly trained supervisors. That could be you! For new rangemasters or those with expiring certification, we have two upcoming trainings. Join us on March 15th in Munster, IN or April 5th in Elmhurst, IL. The April training will take place alongside a Cub Scout Shoot-o-Ree event, so you can apply your new skills in real-time!

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Training

Merit Badge Counselor Limit Update

Advancement through the merit badge program helps Scouts explore new topics and grow from association with a myriad of subject matter experts. Earning a large number of badges from a small number of counselors robs the Scout of key development opportunities.

This concept is emphasized in National's standardized Guide to Advancement, and the Pathway to Adventure Council is adopting the following policy as such: Upon registration or renewal, PTAC merit badge counselors can now counsel a maximum of twelve total badges, five of which may be Eagle-required. This is an increase from the previous recommendation of eight total badges, but individuals who counseled more than twelve under legacy guidelines will be asked to reduce accordingly.

For questions, please contact the PTAC Advancement Committee at ptac.advancement@gmail.com.

GUIDE TO ADVANCEMENT



Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Training

Are you a new Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster? Maybe you've been in the role for a while but want to refresh your skills? This in-person training will give you the tools and knowledge to lead your Scouts in a safe, engaging, and effective program! On Saturday, March 29 in La Grange Park, IL you'll have an opportunity to work toward your position-specific training alongside dedicated leaders like yourself.

REGISTER HERE



Cub Scout Leader Training

Are you a new or returning Cub Scout leader? Whether you're a Cubmaster, Den Leader, or Pack Committee Member, this in-person training is the perfect opportunity to build confidence, learn key skills, and connect with others like you! Join us on Saturday, April 12 in Westchester, IL to work toward your position-specific training while learning how to make Scouting even more fun and impactful for your Cub Scouts!

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Training

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING SUMMER 2025



National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home units and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

The aims of NYLT are to give each participant the basic knowledge of various leadership skills to give them the confidence and knowledge necessary to run their home unit's program. Youth participants will get to see each other model the tools being taught and get to practice the skills they are learning.

Through a wide range of activities, events, games, and adventures, participants will work together as they put into action the best that Scouting has to offer. The course models an ideal unit where each day at the course is a week in the life of a unit.

- Open to all Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts
- Participants must be 13 years of age
- Transportation to and from the camp is NOT provided
- Scholarships are available!!!



Sessions

Session 1

June 15 @1pm - June 20 @8pm

Session 2

June 22 @1pm - June 27 @8pm

Pricing

\$325 per Scout

- \$150 is required at registration
- \$50 late fee applied if not paid in full a month before scheduled session

Location

Camp Frank S. Betz
3858 E. Snow Rd.
Berrien Springs, MI 49103

Questions? Contact:
nyltpac@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!



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MORE INFORMATION**

Order of the Arrow

Unit Elections

Quick reminder to ALL unit leaders, unit election season is upon us! If you haven't scheduled your unit visitation, check your emails for the link. Happy scouting and make sure to communicate with your chapter elections team if you have any questions!



Potawatomi Trail Hike

The Potawatomi Hike is a yearly outing at the Indiana Dunes State Park. Everyone is welcome to join as we work on rank advancement and enjoy the beauty of the park. Join us on March 22nd at Indiana Dunes State Park from 9AM-12PM for a great time! Contact the Potawatomi Hike Chair Matthew P. (potawatomihiike@oa7.org) with questions.

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Section Conclave: Brotherhood Around The World

From April 11-13, our lodge will attend the Section G9 Conclave: Brotherhood Around the World at Ed Bryant Scout Reservation in Mauston, WI. This is an exciting opportunity to meet fellow Arrowmen and there will be dozens of activities, fellowship, training, and most importantly, BROTHERHOOD! Registration closes Sunday, April 6th, and early discount ends on March 31st.

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OA Representative Program

Calling ALL Troops, Crews, and Ships of Pathway to Adventure Council! Takhone Lodge is starting a new OA Representative program. An OA Rep is an active member of the OA who represents the lodge within their unit. They promote lodge events and help the lodge and troop communicate. This position is an official leadership position and will count towards rank advancement. Questions? Contact Lodge Vice Chief of Operations Alex H. at vcoperations@oa7.org

INTEREST FORM HERE

March Brotherhood Bash

If you haven't earned your Brotherhood, and it's been at least six months since your ordeal, register for the March Brotherhood Bash! At Greene Valley Nature Preserve from 1-5PM on March 23rd, this is a great way to earn your Brotherhood, especially if you can't make it to Camp Betz in the Spring for our fellowships! Questions? Contact Jackson G. at brotherhood@oa7.org

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Career Corner



Eagle Scholarship

Attention Eagle Scouts - Do you need money for college?

Every year the construction industry funds a \$1,000 given to an Eagle Scout for each of their 4 years in college. The form is simple and due June 30. Only 2 to 4 Eagle Scouts apply every year.

Be smart and apply!!!

FORM HERE

Union Apprenticeship Openings

Bricklayers:

Bricklayers create architectural works of art with stone and tile. As with all trades, you should be prepared to work hard, outside and at heights on a regular basis to succeed in this trade. Applicants will be accepted throughout the year. Applications will be available Monday through Friday between 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at the DCTC office or online at www.bac2school.org. Secure your spot by applying today.

APPLY HERE

Electricians IBEW 134:

Electricians assemble, install, maintain, and test electrical equipment and wiring systems in residential, commercial, and industrial settings. The apprentice program is five years in duration, and is registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. The program consists of on-the-job training provided by union electrical contractors, and related classroom instruction. Applications are accepted every Wednesday between 9 am-11 am.

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Heat and Frost Insulators Local 17:

The vital work of the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers has saved energy, saved money, and saved lives. Heat and Frost Insulators Local 17 offers an excellent five-year apprenticeship program that is now open for online applications.

APPLY HERE

Pipefitters Local 597:

Are you interested in becoming a Pipefitter? Pipefitters work in industrial settings building systems that deliver gas, steam, chemicals and other necessary components that keep factories and manufacturing plants running. Pipefitters work outdoors on projects on a massive scale. Applications are available by registering for an application session here. Registration open on the FIRST Wednesday of the month

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Council Committees News

Faith Relations Committee

Religious Emblems

The District Religious Emblem Coordinators would like to have a database to help them lead Scouts to Religious Emblem opportunities.

Is your Scout Unit or a group of Scouts working on a Religious Emblem? Are you also willing to invite other Scouts to join with you to achieve their emblem too? [Please fill out this Google Form Religious Emblem Opportunities](#)

Are you a Scout looking for a group to join? [Please fill out this Google Form: Religious Emblem Requests](#) We will do our best to connect you or help you create a group.

Interfaith Religious Celebrations

[March Religious Holidays](#)

Please research further into each faith's celebrations to have a better understanding of what your fellow Scouts celebrate.

Coming to a March District Roundtable near you....

Duty to God Moments. We suggest Scout Units use them at meetings too!

What are they?? Minute long Moments that the Council Faith Relations Committee will provide each month at District Roundtables. Duty to God Moments are short reflections to remind Scouters that every Scout has a Duty to God.

District 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

Upcoming Events

- May 1 - Scouts Read Sacred Texts



Scouts and Neighborhood Religious Activities

Roman Catholic Scouts Religious Emblem Ceremony at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. Over 50 Scouts received youth awards, 6 unit awards and 3 Adult St. George awards.

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



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!

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