

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER SAFEGUARDING YOUTH TRAINING

The SYT refresher course must be completed every year. You can take the refresher if you have already completed the full SYT course and your certification has not expired. There is also a short grace period. If your training expired less than seven days ago, you are still eligible to take the refresher. If your SYT has been expired for seven days or more, you must retake the full course. Anyone who has never completed the full SYT must also take the full course before attempting the refresher. Taking the 20 minute refresher alone without first completing the full course will not count toward certification. The refresher includes an exam, and you must pass it on your first attempt to receive credit for the Y01 training code, which confirms you are current in Safeguarding Youth. If you do not pass the refresher exam, you cannot retake it. Instead, you will need to complete the full SYT course again, and you will be automatically enrolled to do so.



All registered leaders should be watching their SYT expiration date. Also note the day you complete the refresher course resets your SYT expiration date.

**Yours in Scouting,
Jim Honan – Council Commissioner**

IMPORTANT INFO:

Transition Update: S.A.F.E. Guarding Youth Training (SYT) officially replaced YPT on May 16, 2025.

Updated Expiration Dates: All volunteers who have not yet completed SYT, or had a YPT expiration date of June 2026 or later, were automatically assigned a new expiration date of May 31, 2026.

Complete Your Training Early: If you have not yet taken SYT, we strongly recommend completing the full 90-minute course well before May 31, 2026. Waiting until the deadline may result in delays due to high system traffic.

Refresher vs. Full Course: If you completed SYT last year and are due to renew, you only need to complete the Refresher Course to remain compliant. If you do not complete the refresher within 7 days, you will be required to retake the full 90-minute course.

Assessment Requirement: The refresher includes a required exam. A score of 80% or below will automatically direct you to complete the full course.

Important Reminder: Failure to complete SYT prior to your expiration date will result in suspension of your membership.

COMPLETE YOUR TRAINING! MY.Scouting.org

SYT GUIDE HERE

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.

Spots fill quickly—Sessions 4 and 5 are already full, so don't miss your chance to join this adventure!

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Cub Scout Day Camp

Cub Scout Day Camp: Nature Investigators is Here!

Calling all Cub Scouts, family, and friends! Looking for a fun, family-friendly Saturday this summer? Join us for Cub Scout Day Camp: Nature Investigators, where Scouts will explore the great outdoors at a location near you.

This one-day camp experience packs a full day of adventure into a single event. Scouts will rotate through five interactive program stations, investigating nature, building skills, and making memories along the way. Every participant will also take home a commemorative Day Camp item!

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Bigfoot Bash Cub-o-Ree

Save the date - Camp Betz - 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 on Saturday.

More details coming soon!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

CAMP



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

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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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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.

New this year — Owasippe MAXED (June 28–July 4 ONLY):

An exclusive week packed with specialty merit badges, high-adventure overnights, night ziplining, blacklight range events, and more!

[BLACKHAWK](#)

[WOLVERINE](#)



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Merit Badge Clinic: Chicago Federation of Labor

Saturday, May 30 – 9am-4pm – Hire360 2540 S State St

Scouts are invited to a day of hands-on learning and skill-building at the Chicago Federation of Labor Merit Badge Clinic on May 30, 2026, hosted in partnership with Hire360. Participants will have the opportunity to explore new interests, work toward advancement, and learn from knowledgeable instructors while earning merit badges!

Scouts can choose two classes from the following options: American Labor, Journalism, Theater, and Woodwork.



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Merit Badge Clinic: Plumbers Local 130

Saturday, June 6 – 9am-4pm – 1340 W Washington Blvd

Scouts age 13+ are invited to a unique, hands-on Merit Badge Clinic hosted by Plumbers Local 130 in Chicago on Saturday, June 6. Participants will complete prerequisites ahead of time and finish the day with both the American Labor and Plumbing Merit Badges.

Scouts will complete: American Labor and Plumbing.



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Water Reclamation Plant Open Houses

Scouts and families are invited to see how our community protects one of its most important resources - clean water.

At these Water Reclamation Plant Open Houses, you'll explore how water is treated and returned safely to the environment. Enjoy a guided tour, interactive STEM activities, and arts & crafts. Scouts can take home oak saplings and milkweed seeds that support local ecosystems. Participants can also bring unused or expired medications to safely dispose of them.

O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant: Saturday, May 2 | 10 AM – 3 PM

Stickney Water Reclamation Plant: Saturday, May 16 | 10 AM – 3 PM

Calumet Water Reclamation Plant: Saturday, May 30 | 10 AM – 3 PM



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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Y.E.S. Event at Route 66 Raceway

Friday, May 15 – Route 66 Raceway

Scouting America has teamed up with AB Motorsports and 4-time world champion drag racer Antron Brown, the first African American champion in major U.S. motorsports! To celebrate, Scouts are invited to a FREE Youth Education Services (Y.E.S.) STEM event on May 15 at Route 66 Raceway.

9-11:00am: STEM activities + behind-the-scenes motorsports insights

11-12:00pm: Meet & greet with Antron Brown + see the race car up close

Open to all Leaders, Scouts & families (each attendee must register individually; parents register for youth under 13)

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Scouts Camp Weekend at Chicagoland Speedway

July 3-5, Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet

Get ready for an unforgettable weekend of racing, camping, and exclusive Scout activities at Chicagoland Speedway's Scouts Weekend - America's Weekend!

Scouts and families can enjoy discounted race tickets for all three days, group seating, FREE lakeside tent camping with ticket purchase, and special Scout-only experiences like a Racing 101 & STEM Q&A with a NASCAR driver, track walk, scavenger hunt, and commemorative Scout patch

To register contact Lauren Russo at lerusso@chicagolandspeedway.com or call 815-722-9709.

REGISTER HERE



Scouting for Food Patches

Scouts can showcase their Scouting for Food efforts with this year's patch. Orders will be open from April 1-May 8!

PURCHASE HERE

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—register early!

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

[CONTACT HERE](#)

[MORE INFO HERE](#)

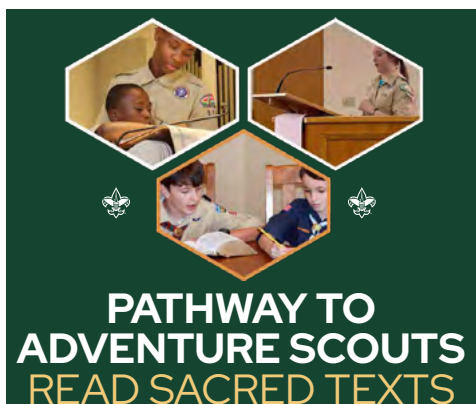


National Youth Leadership Training

Ready to grow as a leader? National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an engaging, 6-day experience where Scouts develop real-world leadership skills through hands-on activities, teamwork, and challenges, all while having a great time! Work alongside fellow Scouts, tackle leadership scenarios, guide projects, and build the confidence to lead with purpose.

NYLT goes beyond Scouting. The skills you gain, such as communication, collaboration, and problem-solving, will carry into school, work, and everyday life. You'll leave with new perspectives, meaningful connections, and memories that last well beyond the course.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Scouts Read Sacred Texts

Scouts Read Sacred Texts – May 7, 2026

Pathway to Adventure Council invites Scouts and youth around the world to take part in a meaningful celebration of faith and reflection. On May 7, 2026, or anytime that week, read from your own faith's sacred texts and join others in recognizing our shared Duty to God!

Participate with your unit, your family, your faith community, or on your own. Together with Scouting America and youth groups of many faith traditions, we're celebrating the power of sacred texts to inspire, guide, and bring people together.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

[MORE INFO HERE](#)

SCOUT GAMES



Hockey Chicago Wolves

The Chicago Wolves have secured the 2nd seed in the Central Division and are back in the hunt for their 6th League Championship and you can join the excitement! **Scouts and their families can get up to 20% off playoff tickets**

TICKETS HERE



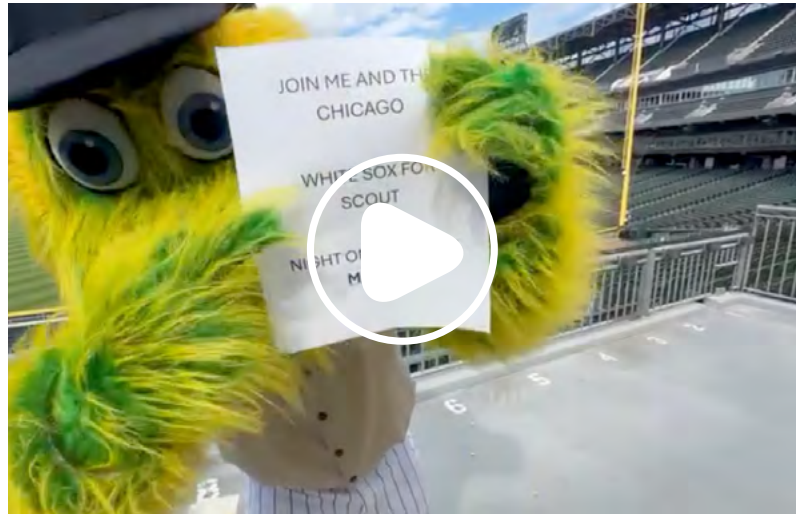
Baseball White Sox

- Saturday, May 9 – 6:10pm – Guaranteed Rate Field
- Scout Night Patch
- Pre-game parade on the field
- Video board Shout Out
- Sox Kids Zone

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

TICKETS HERE

View this message from Scout South Paw!



Soccer Chicago Fire

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

- Scout Night Patch
- Pre-game parade on the field at 12:15pm

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

TICKETS HERE

SCOUT GAMES



Rugby Chicago Hounds

Saturday, May 24 – 3pm – SeatGeek Stadium

- Stadium Tour at 1pm
- Training Session on the field at 1pm
- Block Party before and during game - tailgating, kid zone, giant inflatables, petting zoo, and more!

****Please select tickets in our reserved block in Section 123, Rows 7-10****

TICKETS HERE



Baseball Chicago Dogs

Saturday, June 13 – 6pm – Impact Field

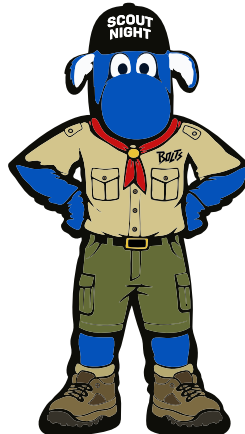
- Chicago Dogs Hat and Scout Night Patch
- Raingutter Regatta and parade on the field before the game and
- Postgame fireworks show

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

TICKETS HERE



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

TICKETS HERE

HIGH ADVENTURE



Philmont 2027 Registration Extended

The 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 \$ 2850.00, 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.

Philmont has extended our registration deadline to May 25.

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Boy Scout Lottery - Win a Spot to attend National Jamboree

Our council is conducting a contest for three (3) final admissions into the Pathway to Adventure Council 2026 National Scout Jamboree Boys Troop. This is your Scout's chance to be part of an unforgettable experience at the Summit Bechtel Reserve this summer.

Contest Details:

- 1 entry = \$30.00
- Unlimited entries allowed
- 3 entries will be selected at random to fill the final spots

Eligibility:

- Must be a male Scout, age 12-17
- Must be registered in a PTAC unit
- Cannot already be registered as a Jamboree participant

Important Dates:

- **Lottery closes:** Thursday, May 7th at 11:59 PM
- **Drawing held:** Friday, May 8th at 9:00 AM

This opportunity represents a value of \$2,850.00/chosen participant.

The National Scout Jamboree is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience—filled with adventure, new friendships, and memories that last forever. If your Scout has been hoping for a chance to attend, this is an incredible opportunity to make that happen.

Questions? Please contact betsy.gatesehlers@pathwaytoadventure.org

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FAITH RELATIONS

**VIEW RECENTLY
AWARDED ADULT &
YOUTH RELIGIOUS
EMBLEM PICTURES HERE**

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



May 7- Scouts Read Sacred Texts.

- You can register your unit or just yourself!
- [For more info, visit scoutsreadsacredtextsworldwide.org](https://scoutsreadsacredtextsworldwide.org)
- [Cub Scout units can watch this Cub Talk video to learn more.](#)

REGISTER 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](http://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.](#)
- The National Catholic Committee on Scouting will now be known as Catholic Scouting America.

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

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to recognize the importance of emotional well-being and to support one another in building healthy, resilient communities.

At Pathway to Adventure Council, this commitment is reflected through our ongoing efforts to create an environment where every Scout feels supported, understood, and able to thrive. Our Special Needs Committee continues to work alongside leaders, parents, and volunteers to provide resources and guidance that help units confidently support Scouts with a wide range of needs, ensuring Scouting remains inclusive, welcoming, and meaningful for all.



In recognition of Global Accessibility Awareness Day on May 21, we are proud to share the implementation of a new accessibility plugin on our website. If you navigate to our page, you'll notice a blue accessibility icon. By clicking it, users can customize

their experience based on their individual needs, with tools that enhance readability, navigation, and overall accessibility.

Together, these efforts reflect our ongoing commitment to building awareness, fostering inclusion, and creating spaces - both in-person and online - where every Scout and family can fully participate and feel a sense of belonging.

CONTACT US

sns@pathwaytoadventure.org

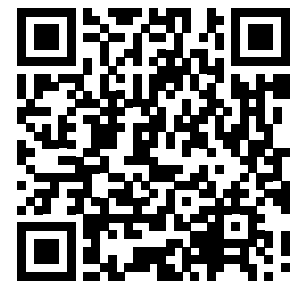
Troop Leaders or parents are welcome to contact the SNS Committee for further information

PTAC SPECIAL NEEDS IN SCOUTING WEBPAGE



[pathwaytoadventure.org/
special-needs-in-scouting/](https://pathwaytoadventure.org/special-needs-in-scouting/)

NATIONAL SPECIAL NEEDS IN SCOUTING WEBPAGE



[scouting.org/resources/
disabilities-awareness/](https://scouting.org/resources/disabilities-awareness/)



RECRUITMENT READINESS

Welcome to your May monthly Membership newsletter article. As we have welcomed Spring's arrival, before you know it the school year will end and summer will be upon us. This month's article will touch on preparing for Summer activities where we can promote Scouting America throughout our Communities.

Summer Activities: During the Summer, we need to have a Scouting presence in our communities by participating in parades, festivals, and other local events. At our Service Centers, we have postcards, gliders, silicon wrist bands, book markers and other recruitment materials to support your participation in your community events. We have a limited supply of Canopies, Feather Banners, Polycore cutouts, Sandwich Boards, Tables, and Tablecloths available at our service center if you decide to have a Scouting Booth. Please work with your District Executive to pick-up all supplies that you would need when you are out in your communities. Please remember, these events should be focused on increasing the awareness and interest of our Scouting Program. These events are to "plant the seed" that can lead to a successful Fall Recruitment.

National Night Out (NNO): 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 cities 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.

School Year-end Event / Picnic: Does your school have an end of year event? If yes, are you planning to have a display to demonstrate different Scout Skills their child can learn along with a calendar of our summer events?

2026 Back to School / Open House: Use the month of May to reach out to your school's principal to learn when they plan to have their Welcome Back to School, Sign-up Nights and Open House. If the dates are known, ask if your unit can have a table at these events. If the dates are not known, ask if the principal would be willing to contact you once those dates are available.

Why and what are the importance behind the May Newsletter article? The results of a recent survey of today's parents showed that Scouting America did not have a strong brand recognition and these parents were not aware that Scouting was active in their community. We have heard this same feedback from other parents who stopped by our table at other various community events. Now is the time to change this perception and have Scouting America presence in our neighborhoods and communities. This visibility will plant the seed by improving our presence in our communities, which can lead to a strong Fall Recruitment.

Monitor your 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**

SCOUT STORIES

PTAC's Shreemann Patel is National Venturing President

Shreeman Patel, Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 10(Hinsdale) and Venturing Participant in Crew 2010(Hinsdale) has been named National Venturing President for 2026-2027.

What a great accomplishment for Shreemann, and a great honor for PTAC to be represented at the national level.

[VIEW POST HERE](#)

Cub Scouts Making a Difference Through Advancement!

The Wolf Den of Cub Scout Pack 773 culminated their year with bringing together their model community to earn their Council Fire Belt Loop. In the Council Fire Adventure, the Scouts built a model community all while learning how to be an active member in their community.

The Bear Den of Cub Scout Pack 773 saw a need and organized to fill it. The Scouts were working to earn their Paws in Action Belt Loop. They worked with the Hammond/Whiting Food Pantry to give their time, talents, and resources by hosting a Toiletry Drive to make a difference in their community. The Scouts collected a total of 192 items ranging from toothpaste to toilet paper to deodorant to feminine hygiene products.

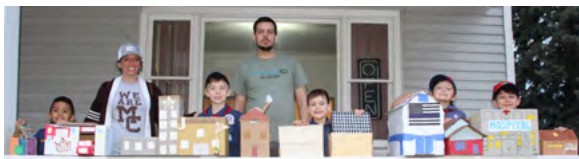
The Scouts are thankful to all who contributed and helped make an impact on their service project for the betterment of their community.

Scouting for Food

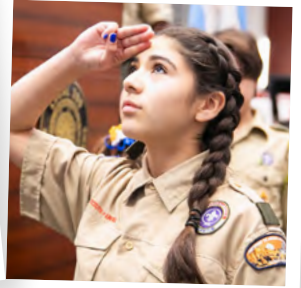
Scouts across our council have been hard at work serving their communities through Scouting for Food! From canvassing neighborhoods and hanging door tags to collecting donations, partnering with local grocery stores, and delivering food to community partners, Scouts and volunteers have stepped up in incredible ways to help fight hunger.

Because of your dedication, thousands of meals will reach families in need throughout our communities. Every bag picked up, every donation sorted, and every hour volunteered makes a real difference!

Thank you to every Scout, leader, family member, and community partner who has participated in Scouting for Food so far this year.



INVEST IN CHARACTER



IIC - Fueling the Adventure!

Each year, Pathway to Adventure Council invites families and friends to Invest in Character (IIC) - our annual campaign that strengthens and sustains Scouting locally. Invest in Character supports the behind-the-scenes services that make Scouting possible across our entire council.

Your support helps fund:

- Safeguarding Youth & Youth Protection training
- Camp Owasippe & Betz operations
- Program equipment and supplies
- New Scout enrollment and recruitment efforts
- Merit Badge & career exploration programs
- Scout and adult leadership development
- Financial assistance for Scouts
- Professional Service Center support

It costs approximately \$365 per Scout per year (about \$30 per month) to provide these essential services through our council!

Every gift, at every level, helps ensure that Scouting remains strong, accessible, and impactful for the 12,000+ youth we serve.

GOAL:

\$250,000



2026 Exclusive IIC Gifts!



Gifts \$1,000 or more will receive all gifts plus a PTAC Picnic Blanket!



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](#)



OA At Owasippe

Brotherhood will be offered this year at Owasippe along with weekly arrowmen gatherings and callouts! For more information check out your unit leader guide to camping at Owasippe.

New Induction Experience

At the Spring Fellowship on May 1-3 Takhone Lodge will be running one of the first across the nation conducting the new induction experiences for new members elected into the OA. Some of the changes include the induction experience focusing on retention and creating connections between scouts, along with an increased focus on OA history rather than Native American culture. All inductions from now on will follow this new model including the OSR Fellowship. Any current OA members have the opportunity at fellowships to go through the new induction experience if they are interested, and can indicate such in their registration.

Owasippe Fellowship

OSR fellowship will take place on May 22nd-25th at Owasippe Scout Reservation. Newly elected arrowmen can also complete their induction experience during this weekend and then join in with the fun afterwards! New Arrowmen will help set up OSR for camp during the day and participate in fun activities in the afternoon and evening.

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NOAC 2027 Application & Fundraiser

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is coming! 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 aren't sure if you have already submitted the form, please email me at vcfinance@oa7.org.

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SCOUT

SHOP

May

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CURRENT & UPCOMING *Events!*

GIFT IDEAS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Celebrate the moms and mentors who help make Scouting possible with thoughtful gifts from your local Scout Shop—apparel, accessories, keepsakes, and everyday favorites she can enjoy on the trail and beyond.



PERFORMANCE UNIFORM SHORTS AND SHIRT

Back by popular demand, our lightweight, moisture-wicking uniform is ideal for all your summer adventures. Visit your local Scout Shop and gear up for camp with the performance uniform—available while supplies last!

MAY IS CUB SCOUT ADVANCEMENT MONTH

Scout Shops are stocked with everything you need to recognize Cub Scout achievements, including pins, loops, badges, and insignia. Stop in and let our knowledgeable staff help you prepare for your upcoming advancement ceremonies.

IN-STORE MONTHLY OFFERS STOP IN & SAVE!



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May 3 – June 27



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