



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
PATHWAY TO ADVENTURE COUNCIL



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
JANUARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We are pleased to share with you the latest news from the front line, the National Annual Business Meeting, that is: membership is up, the bankruptcy proceeding could effectively be over by the end of Q1 2023, and National has a dynamic strategic plan called Scouting Forward.

National's plan has 5 pillars: Culture of Safety, Relevant Program, Exceptional Experiences, Financial Stability, and Revitalize BSA Brand. It is built around four corners of America's Youth Leadership Program: Bold, Inclusive, Trustworthy, Service-Oriented.

Meanwhile Pathway's own strategic plan is under construction on a path remarkably similar to National's. It will come out of 3 task forces led by Executive Board members Tom Herb (Strategic Plan), Eric Reuther (Fund Development), and Major General (2 stars) Alex Fink (Marketing). The plan will be unveiled at the time of our annual meeting.

We are also pleased to announce four new members of our Executive Board: Brian Snell, Divisional Senior Vice President of Blue Cross Blue Shield of IL; Major General Alex Fink, Chief Marketing Officer of the US Army; Eric D. Reuther, Managing Director and Head of US Industrials at CIBC Capital Markets; and Dr. Marlon Mitchell (from Indiana), Institute for Leadership and Performance. You will find information about all of them, as well as our revamped organization chart on the website. We also welcome back Lou Sandoval as Nominating Committee Co-Chair, and Scott Stringer as Audit Committee Chair.

As we close out 2022, we offer heartfelt thanks to our immediate past senior leaders: Kenny Shogren (Executive Board member March 2018-December 2022), Marc Passiment (President March 2020–September 2022), Jerry Brand (Treasurer January 2016-October 2022), and Jim Bicak, Bill Cohn, Bertha Guzman, Buffy Higgins-Beard, Spencer Long, and Michael Reiss (all VPs). Forgive me if I have not mentioned a name. Each and every one of you is a cherished partner in the Scouting movement.

Best wishes and may God bless you.

Stephen Schwab

Interim Council President



SPOTLIGHT



EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

This award was created to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity. The award recognizes the Scout for their Eagle Scout service project, which is part of the requirements for earning the Eagle Scout Award.

Applications are due by Feb 12, 2023. The award will be presented as part of the Youth Recognition Dinner on March 4, 2023.

[Nomination Form](#)

[Send Form Here](#)



SHARE YOUR CAMP VIDEOS WITH US!

As we prepare to invite our Scouting families to all of the fun that awaits in the summer of 2023, we would like to ask for your help! Please share your videos and pictures of your Scout, unit, or family that showcases the fun to be had from Day Camp, Betz Cub Scout Family Camp, or Owassippe! We can't wait to share the adventures you captured!

Please send to PTACboyscouts@gmail.com

[Email Here](#)

CAMPOREE PATCHES!

Missed out on the swag from the Council Camporee? We are now offering great deals on patches and stickers! Submit your order today!

[More Info Here](#)

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Our Arlington Heights office is looking for an individual to join our Camp & Program team part-time.

Send resume to amy.hutcherson@scouting.org

[More Info Here](#)

[Email Resume Here](#)

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

2023 COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER

Save the date and join us at the annual Council Recognition Dinner, scheduled for Sunday, February 26, 2023.

2023 YOUTH RECOGNITION DINNER

Save the date and join us at the annual Youth Recognition Dinner, scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2023.

[More Info Here](#)



OCEANOGRAPHY AT THE SHEDD AQUARIUM

Do you wonder what's beneath the waves? Do you want to learn more about our aquatic world? Explore with us as we take a deep dive into the different branches of oceanography. We'll cover topics ranging from ocean topography, water chemistry, and—of course—aquatic life! Guided by Shedd experts, you'll complete prerequisites beforehand, and leave with the Boy Scouts of America Oceanography Merit Badge!

Upcoming Dates

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Saturday, March 4, 2023

[More Info Here](#)

SCOUTING SHOWCASE

The Pathway to Adventure Council is hosting a one-of-a-kind event at Rivers Casino in Des Plaines, IL. to showcase the amazing, life-changing things that young people do in Scouting. You will explore first-hand through various experiences, activities, and entertainment the amazing program that has made the Boy Scouts of America the country's premier youth organization for more than a century.

[More Info Here](#)

CUB SCOUT PINEWOOD DERBY!

Calling all Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Racers from across the Pathway to Adventure Council! Join us on Sunday, April 16th, 2023 at the Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg, IL for an enormous Pinewood Derby competition in speed and design.

Up to 36 Cub Scouts per Pack may be entered. See the event registration link for design rules and more information.

[More Info Here](#)



YOU'RE INVITED

TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL WOOD BADGE DINNER!

This is an opportunity for those who have completed Wood Badge, currently working on their Wood Badge, and leaders who are interested in learning more about this esteemed program! Join us for some good fun, outstanding fellowship, a door-prize activity featuring a fine selection Wood Badge materials and other items of interest

Wood Badge is the premier leadership development course for the Boy Scouts of America. Participants learn that the skills they develop during Wood Badge help them not only in Scouting, but with their family and career as well.

NEW PARTICIPANTS:

Free entry for Wood Badge candidates

Sunday, March 5, 2023

4:30PM - 8:00PM

PAST PARTICIPANTS:

\$10 for past participants and guests

American Legion Post 80

4000 Saratoga Ave. Downers Grove

ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO 150 ATTENDEES!

Please wear your complete BSA field uniform. Your Wood Badge neckerchief, woggle, and training beads are encouraged. Consistent with current Wood Badge program guidelines, no kilts, please.

Submit your \$10 payment by February 28. Fee increases to \$25 per person after that date.

Final registration due on March 3, 2023. No walk-ins will be accepted.

REGISTER HERE

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

Ken King, PTAC Wood Badge Coordinator – Kenneth.p.king@gmail.com

ORDER OF THE ARROW



2023 WINTER BANQUET

Welcome to the land of sweets! Join us on January 7th for the Takhone Lodge Winter Banquet. Located at Chateau Del Mar, it will truly be an event to remember. We will be recapping the lodge events this year as well as handing out a few awards. Come socialize with your fellow Arrowmen while going crazy for candy.

The 2023 Winter Banquet will run from 12pm to 4pm on January 7th. Registration is \$30 for youth and \$45 for adults. Register now before early bird pricing ends on 12/14! Starting on 12/15, the prices will be \$45 youth and \$60 adults.

[More Info Here](#)

SCHEDULE YOUR OA UNIT ELECTION!

Takhone Lodge's 2023 Unit Visitation season will run from January 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023. Takhone Lodge's unit visitations consist of three components: OA Opportunities Promotion, Camp Promotion, and Unit Election. Your local chapter will bring a team out to one of your meetings to provide a presentation. Request a visitation using the following link and a chapter representative will reach out to confirm.

[More Info Here](#)

TAKHONE LODGE 2023 EVENTS

Please check out our 2023 lodge calendar! We would love to have you and your unit join us at one of our upcoming events! Please note our fellowships are open to both lodge members and non-members, and it is encourage that your unit plan one of your monthly campouts to be at our fellowship, or if that is not the case, to try and schedule around our events, so your youth can attend both events and not have to choose!

[More Info Here](#)

TRAINING

JANUARY 14, 2023

Morton College
3801 S. Central Ave. Cicero, IL
9:00 am - 1:30 pm

JANUARY 21, 2023

Robert J. Welsh Center for Scouting
8751 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN
12:30 - 5:30 pm

FEBRUARY 11, 2023

Congregational United Church of Christ
1001 W. Kirchhoff Rd. Arlington Heights, IL
12:30 - 5:30 pm

CUB SCOUT LEADER POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING

Attention Cub Scout Leaders! Choose between three locations and join us for a Saturday instructor-led course designed to help you effectively carry out your volunteer role in Scouting. Learn from seasoned Cub Scout volunteers and enjoy the opportunity to build a support system.

Is your required basic training complete? Visit [My.Scouting](#) to verify.

Open to Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Assistant Cubmasters, Pack Committees, and Committee Chairs!

\$5 for Participants

[More Info Here](#)



CHAINSAW SAFETY TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

Pathway to adventure Council is looking to increase the number of dedicated volunteers and professional that help us maintain the tree work at our two camps.

[More Info Here](#)



DO YOU HAVE A SCOUT STORY YOU WOULD LIKE 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!

[Submit Story Here!](#)



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