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## 06 SUMMER CAMP

Summer is right around the corner! Secure your spot - whether your a pack, troop, or family - there is a camping opportunity for you! Don't miss out on the many memories you can make in the great outdoors.

## 12 LEADER TRAINING

Invest in your Scouting journey with upcoming training opportunities designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge to lead successfully. Whether you're new to Scouting or looking to enhance your expertise, there's a course for you!

## 17 NEW COMMITTEE WEB RESOURCES!

We're excited to promote our new webpages for several of our committees that offer resources, events, training, and much more!

See page 17 for more information!

# Council Monthly



## NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

### What is NYLT?

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an immersive 6-day course for Scouts who are serious about enhancing their leadership skills, building teamwork, and having tons of fun in the process! You'll work with other Scouts, tackle challenges, lead projects, and gain confidence in your ability to lead.

Why register for NYLT? It's designed to empower YOU with skills that don't just make you a better Scout but a stronger leader in all parts of life. From problem-solving and communication to understanding what it takes to inspire and motivate a team, you'll come away with experiences and friendships that last a lifetime. NYLT isn't just training—it's an adventure that prepares you for life.



### 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

Click Here for a  
Sneak Peek  
of NYLT!



**SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!**

**CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO,  
SCHOLARSHIPS, AND REGISTRATION**

**Questions? Contact: [nyltptac@gmail.com](mailto:nyltptac@gmail.com)**

# Council Monthly

## Commissioner's Corner

### Leadership Updates in Our Council

We are pleased to announce that Colleen Leahy has been promoted from the West Area Assistant Council Commissioner to Vice President of Program. With her commitment to Scouting and her wealth of experience will undoubtedly continue the success of PTAC's Program. Colleen has been a dedicated leader, and we wish her all the best in her new role.

Stepping into Colleen's previous position, Bill Howard has taken on the role of West Area Assistant Council Commissioner. Bill has been a steadfast and passionate leader, always ready to support and guide our Commissioners. We appreciate Bill's willingness to take on this role and are excited to see the positive impact he will continue to make.

We are also pleased to share that Dan Blue has recently been assigned as the South Area Assistant Council Commissioner. Dan has already hit the ground running, having just led the South Area District Commissioners. We are confident that Dan's leadership will continue to strengthen our council.

Additionally, a special thanks to Don Swibes, who has been diligently tracking our council's Unit Renewals as the Assistant Council Commissioner of Unit Renewal. Don's hard work and attention to detail have been instrumental in keeping our records on track. His efforts ensure that our Scouting community remains strong and well supported.

Finally, we are excited to welcome Sue Simmons to the Assistant Council Commissioner team as the ACC of New Member Coordinator. Her passion for Scouting and member engagement will be a great asset in this role. We look forward to her success and making a difference in our council.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to everyone in their new positions!

### Save the Date:

#### PTAC Commissioner Training for Unit Metrics and Unit Connections

5/31/25 from 9am to 1 pm

UChicago Medicine AdventHealth LaGrange  
5101 Willow Springs Rd,  
LaGrange, IL 60525

**Bertha Guzman**  
Council Commissioner



# Recruitment Readiness

## April Membership Article

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Welcome to your April monthly Membership newsletter article. This month's article will talk about Welcoming your new Scouts, especially those AOL Scouts and their families to your Troop. Your May Membership Newsletter will talk about the importance of how Invitation, and Application Manager can supplement your unit's recruitment efforts. Is there a key thread between these two topics? These two articles will correlate how these two topics will support your Spring/Fall Recruitment and Peer-to-Peer Recruitment efforts along with your Webelos-to-Scouts Crossovers and parent involvement. These topics will be further discussed at your monthly Roundtables. Please note, these topics also apply to the Scouts and their families in a Pack, Ship, Crew, Club or Post.

Welcoming your new Scouts and their families, no matter what your unit type, is an important first step to ease concerns when they participate in their first couple of meetings and outings. What you need to remember is that your new Scouts and their families want to "Fit-in" and have a sense of belonging. Remember what it was like when you first joined your unit, including moving from a Pack to a Troop? I bet there was plenty of excitement and a bit of confusion too. There is so much going on, including new acronyms, new meeting formats, new responsibilities and so much to learn for both the youth and their families.

A good rule of thumb is to use these 4 simple steps when talking with your new and existing parents. First, your parents need to be invited, which your unit accomplished when that parent attends your first meeting or outing. The next step is to make sure that parents feel that they belong to your unit. After this happens, a parent will be willing to participate. The final step is to be sure that parents feel appreciated. If your unit has a New Member Coordinator, they can assist your unit's leadership, so your parents can successfully go through these 4 steps.

There is no timeline or single process to accomplish these 4 steps since each parent will feel welcomed and become acclimated in your unit at their own pace. While these 4 steps are no "silver bullet," they can help a unit the unit increase the involvement and retention of their parents, either as a unit leader or helping a with event or outings. These 4 steps need to happen on a continual basis, so your parents do not feel left out or unappreciated.

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

## Wild Things Conference

### Scouting Champions Conservation at Wild Things Conference

Members of the Pathway to Adventure Council Conservation Committee were honored to attend and present at The Wild Things Conference in Rosemont, IL, on Saturday, March 1, 2025.

Since 1910, conservation and environmental studies have been an integral part of Scouting America. Scouts have rendered distinguished public service by helping to conserve wildlife, energy, forests, soil, and water. Past generations of Scouts and their adult advisors have been widely recognized for undertaking conservation action projects in their local communities.

The presentation, directed by the Conservation Committee, featured a panel of three Scouts: Cooper Johnson from Scouts BSA Troop 69, Shreemann Patel from Scouts BSA Troop 10, and Amelia Votava from Scouts BSA Troop 100, who shared their experiences with environmental explorations and conservation service projects. These projects helped them earn several awards such as the World Conservation Award, Eagle Scout, and the Distinguished Conservation Service Award. Ryan Barnicle and Madeline Painter shared their work via pre-recorded video clips. Five Cub Scouts of Pack 773 submitted video clips about their conservation efforts growing milkweed and planting at a Pollinator Patch.

The Conservation Committee looks forward to continued growth and working with more Scouts on their innovative conservation projects.

For more information about earning the Scouting America World Conservation Award or the Distinguished Conservation Award, contact [ptac.conservation@gmail.com](mailto:ptac.conservation@gmail.com) or visit <https://pathwaytoadventure.org/conservation/>.

You can also find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PTACConservationCommittee>.

Click here to  
watch video!

## Do You Have A Scout Story To Share?

SHARE HERE!



# 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](mailto:PTAC.Betz.FamilyCamp@gmail.com) for any question.

[REGISTER HERE](#)[WEBPAGE](#)

## 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.

[REGISTER HERE](#)[WEBPAGE](#)

## 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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# 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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## 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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# 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!



**SCOUT NIGHT**  
CHICAGO CUBS VS. SAN DIEGO PADRES

*Sunday, April 6, 1:20pm | Wrigley Field*



**Exclusive Patch!**

**Chicago Cubs vs.  
San Diego Padres**

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

**CUBS TICKETS**



**SCOUT NIGHT**  
CHICAGO BULLS VS. WASHINGTON WIZARDS

*Friday, April 11, 7:00pm | United Center*



**Exclusive Patch!**

**Chicago Bulls vs.  
Washington Wizards**

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

**BULLS TICKETS**



**SCOUT NIGHT**  
CHICAGO FIRE FC VS. ATLANTA UNITED FC

*Saturday, May 10, 1:30pm | Soldier Field*



**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](mailto: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.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## 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

[REGISTER HERE](#)

# Events & Activities

## 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.**

**FORM HERE**



## 2025 Scouting for Food

Council-wide Scouting for Food dates are quickly approaching! On Saturday, April 26th, Scouts will be in their neighborhoods with informational doorhangers about their efforts to gather supplies for neighbors in need. On May 3rd, they'll return to collect donations of non-perishable, nonexpired items and deliver them to local food pantries. If your unit still needs doorhangers, register today to claim those! Not sure if you're signed up already? Check the map below!

**COVERAGE MAP**



## 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**

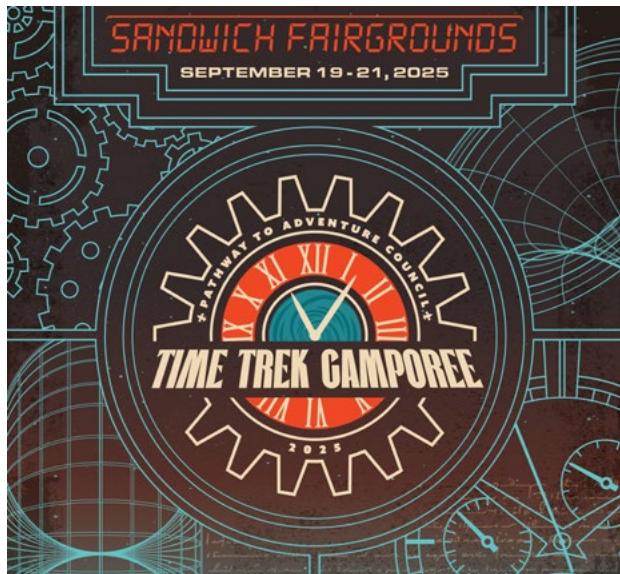


## Cub Scout Shoot-O-Ree

Get ready for an action-packed weekend at the Cub Scout Shoot-O-Ree! Join us April 4-6 at Maywood Sportsman's Club, Cub Scouts will test their skills with BB guns, archery, and slingshots in a safe, supervised setting. Families are invited to camp out for the weekend and enjoy campfires, fellowship, and outdoor fun—don't miss this exciting new event!

**REGISTER HERE**

# Events & Activities



## 2025 Time Trek Camporee

Program highlights? **Check.**

Trading post? **Check.**

Latest and greatest Time Trek Camporee details? **Check.**

*Our new website is your portal for all this and more. Head over to register a pack, troop, or yourself today!*

**WEBPAGE HERE**



## Camporee Leadership

We're still looking for a Security Team Lead for this fall's Camporee! In this crucial role, you'll ensure all participants and staff enjoy a safe and secure environment, overseeing safety protocols and emergency preparedness.

Looking for other ways to participate?

Visit [www.pathwaytoadventure.org/camporee/](http://www.pathwaytoadventure.org/camporee/) to learn more about other staff and administrative positions.

However you join us, your time and skills will make this adventure truly legendary! Let's make history together—past, present, and future!

**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!

[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!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

# 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](mailto:ptac.advancement@gmail.com).

### GUIDE TO ADVANCEMENT

## Cub Scout Rangemaster Training

Range and target activities are some of the most popular elective adventures in Cub Scouting, and they can only be led by qualified rangemasters at district or council events. If you've ever thought about becoming an instructor for BB gun, archery, or slingshot activities, now's the perfect time! Our next rangemaster training is on April 5th in Elmhurst, IL, held alongside a Cub Scout Shoot-o-Ree—giving you a chance to put your new skills into action right away.

### REGISTER HERE



# Order of the Arrow



## OA Adult Nominations

Calling all unit committees! If you elected any new candidates into the Order of the Arrow in 2025, you can nominate some adults into the Order of the Arrow! The nomination deadline for this season is April 30th, which will come sooner than expected. As long as an adult meets the requirements for OA membership, they are eligible! Upload forms to [www.oa7.org/adultpetition](http://www.oa7.org/adultpetition) and contact [vcoperations@oa7.org](mailto:vcoperations@oa7.org) for more information.

[FORM HERE](#)

[SUBMIT FORM HERE](#)



## Section G9 Conclave

From April 11th-13th, our lodge will attend the Section G9 Conclave: Brotherhood Around the World at Ed Bryant Scout Reservation. This is an incredible event you will not want to miss! At conclave, you can meet Arrowmen from around the section while participating in dozens of activities, amazing fellowship, competitions, and more. This event is for all Arrowmen, whether seasoned or brand new. Make sure to register soon, the first lodge to meet their registration goal gets first-row seats to all events!

If you have questions or are looking for more information, check out the Section G9 website: <https://sectiong9.oa-bsa.org/conclave/>, register at <https://scoutingevent.com/127-G9Conclave>

[MORE INFO HERE](#)

[REGISTER HERE](#)



## Spring Betz Fellowship

Join us for the Southern BBQ-themed 2025 Spring Fellowship at Camp Betz! The first fellowship of 2025 will be held May 2-4 and includes lots of fun activities such as shooting sports, capture the flag, horseshoe toss, and a movie under the stars. And don't forget our signature root beer floats at the Hodag on Saturday night. They stick around Sunday morning for the Takhone Lodge elections. Make sure your voice is heard for the direction of Lodge in 2025/26. Register at [www.scoutingevent.com/456-87600](https://scoutingevent.com/456-87600)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

# Order of the Arrow



## Owasippe Fellowship

Join us on Memorial Day Weekend for the Owasippe Fellowship! From May 23rd to 26th, Takhone Lodge will be participating in a Wild Wild West-themed fellowship full of camp service and fellowship. All scouts are invited to help set up for another successful year of summer camp, whether in the Order of the Arrow or not! Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/456-88815>

**REGISTER HERE**



## OA Summer Program

Summer is just around the corner! Get excited for our Order of the Arrow program at Blackhawk and Wolverine, with our Banana Boat Bonanzas, Call-Out Ceremony, and Service Projects! There are many ways to get involved with the OA while you're at summer camp, so make sure to keep your eyes peeled for that!



## Chapter Month of Service

Are you looking for service hours? Do you want to help your community? During April, all 10 chapters have been challenged to carry out a service project to benefit their service area. If you would like to help, contact your chapter leadership team, or check your chapter's page on [www.oa7.org/chapters](http://www.oa7.org/chapters)

**MORE INFO HERE**

# 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

#### [April Religious Holidays](#)

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

### 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](mailto:ptacfaithrelations@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Events

- April 12 - North Area Spring Camporee- Scout's Own Service at Camp Oh da Ko ta
- May 1 - Scouts Read Sacred Texts - [Learn about or Register your unit or as an individual here.](#) There's more information on the PTAC calendar. If your unit is hosting a reading site, please let us know if you are open to other local scouts joining in by emailing [ptacfaithrelations@gmail.com](mailto:ptacfaithrelations@gmail.com)

### Scouts and Neighborhood Religious Activities

Scouts in the Gary Diocese received their Catholic Religious Emblems in March from the Bishop. Congrats!



Nick Lopuszynski of Troop 32 Arlington Heights, IL was awarded the Adult Presbyterian, God and Service, Religious Emblem for outstanding leadership and significant contributions by an adult to the spiritual, social, and physical lives of young people, at their Scout Sunday service in February. Nick is pictured with previous awardees Kim Hogan, Connie Landwehr and Allen Wilson.



### February's Scout Sunday/Shabbat

[Pictures of units at Scout Sunday/Shabbat 2025](#)

If you have pictures you'd like to share in a Faith Relations Album, please send one or two pictures of your unit at Scout Sunday/ Shabbat services to [ptacfaithrelations@gmail.com](mailto:ptacfaithrelations@gmail.com) or share your picture to the Google Photos folder above. Please identify the unit in the photo name. No scouts' names please.

If your scouts are participating in local Religious Activities or receiving religious awards, please send a short write up to [ptacfaithrelations@gmail.com](mailto:ptacfaithrelations@gmail.com) along with a picture. We will try to include it in the newsletter.

# Council Committees News

## Special Needs in Scouting Committee

### Exciting News! Special Needs Tab Now Live on Pathway to Adventure Council Website

Pathway to Adventure Council is proud to announce the launch of our Special Needs Scouting resource tab on our website! This new section is dedicated to providing valuable information and guidance to ensure that every Scout has the opportunity to succeed in Scouting, regardless of ability.

#### What You'll Find

Our Special Needs tab includes resources on:

- **Advancement** – Information on rank modifications and alternative requirements.
- **Accommodations** – Strategies to help units support Scouts with diverse needs.
- **Scouting Strategies** – Tips and best practices for fostering an inclusive environment.
- **District Champions: Advocates for Every Scout**
  - Each district within Pathway to Adventure Council has a District Champion who serves as an advocate and resource for Scouts, families, and leaders navigating special needs in Scouting. These champions are available to provide guidance, answer questions, and help ensure every Scout can thrive in our programs.

To explore these resources, visit <https://pathwaytoadventure.org/special-needs-in-scouting/>

For additional support or inquiries, contact us at [sns@pathwaytoadventure.org](mailto:sns@pathwaytoadventure.org).

Together, let's make Scouting accessible and enriching for all!

**WEBPAGE HERE**

## Conservation Committee

### Conservation Tab Now Live on Pathway to Adventure Council Website

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Conservation Committee webpage! This resource highlights the deep-rooted partnership between Scouting and conservation, emphasizing activities like camping, hiking, and environmental stewardship that are central to our Scouting heritage. The page provides information on various programs, awards, and resources related to conservation within the Scouting framework. Visit the new page to learn more about how you can get involved and contribute to preserving our natural environment.

**WEBPAGE HERE**

## DEI Committee

Scouting is one of many ways to expose your Units to Hobbies, Adventures, Culture, and Differences.

Look for Calendar Updates later this spring for an Underground Railroad Hike.

Make it a point to renew your sense of Adventure.

**WEBPAGE HERE**



## 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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