



PATHWAY TO ADVENTURE COUNCIL **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

“

The Scout Law has 12 points. Each is a goal for every Scout. A Scout tries to live up to the Law every day. It is not always easy to do, *but a Scout always tries.*

”

JANUARY 15, 2022

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SPRING RECRUITMENT

Starting in January, you will see and hear information around our Spring Recruitment Campaign for all our units. The attached document contains high-level information around our Spring Recruitment Campaign!

[More Info Here](#)

HELP DESK CALLS

Due to an increased volume of calls, please send all My.Scouting and Scoutbook questions to PTAC.HelpDesk@scouting.org

[Email Here](#)



[Register Here](#)

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This new year, start out by putting the **Scouting for Food dates in your unit calendar - April 2 & 9!** We will again be partnering with the Greater Chicago Food Depository and the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana this year. Last year, we were able to collect over 50 tons (100,000 lbs) of donated food for our local food pantries and the two council coordinated food pantries! Please join us again this year to make an even bigger impact!

The deadline to sign up for this year's Scouting for Food drive is Feb. 1st!

SCOUTING FOR FOOD PATCH DESIGN

The criteria is:

- It can be any shape, but no larger than 3 inches
- It must contain no more than 9 Colors
- It must contain "Pathway to Adventure Council" or "PTAC"
- It must contain a Fleur-de-lis or the lettering "BSA"

It must be submitted by Friday 2/4/2022 by 5PM to Bill Howard (email fandb90@att.net) Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 Youth submissions!

THOUGHTS FROM THE TRAIL



In December of 2020, I wrote, “2020 has come to an end. What a year it has been.” Those words continue to resonate. The 2021 calendar is moving on to 2022, and we continue to experience extraordinary events in our daily lives.

Looking back over the past 12 months, it was another year demonstrating the power of this program. We started 2021 still in a virtual mode. We celebrated the first female Eagle Scouts, including Kendall Jackson the first black female Eagle Scout. All scouts earning the rank of Eagle are special, for their leadership, perseverance, and strength. This class of Eagle Scouts, like those before them, demonstrated their grit and determination while living with this new norm. They paved the way for the next class to strive for this prestigious rank, and during the ongoing pandemic. Scouting for Food returned, after a hiatus for several years, bringing people together throughout the council to help others in need. Outdoor activities resumed this summer and the fall and Scouts of all ages participated, reminding us once again the joys of the scouting program.

Membership is on the rise, as we finish the year above 13,000 youth served. Many new to the program joined, several that took a break came back. It proves once again, the draw of a structured program that incorporates fun, while teaching life lessons.

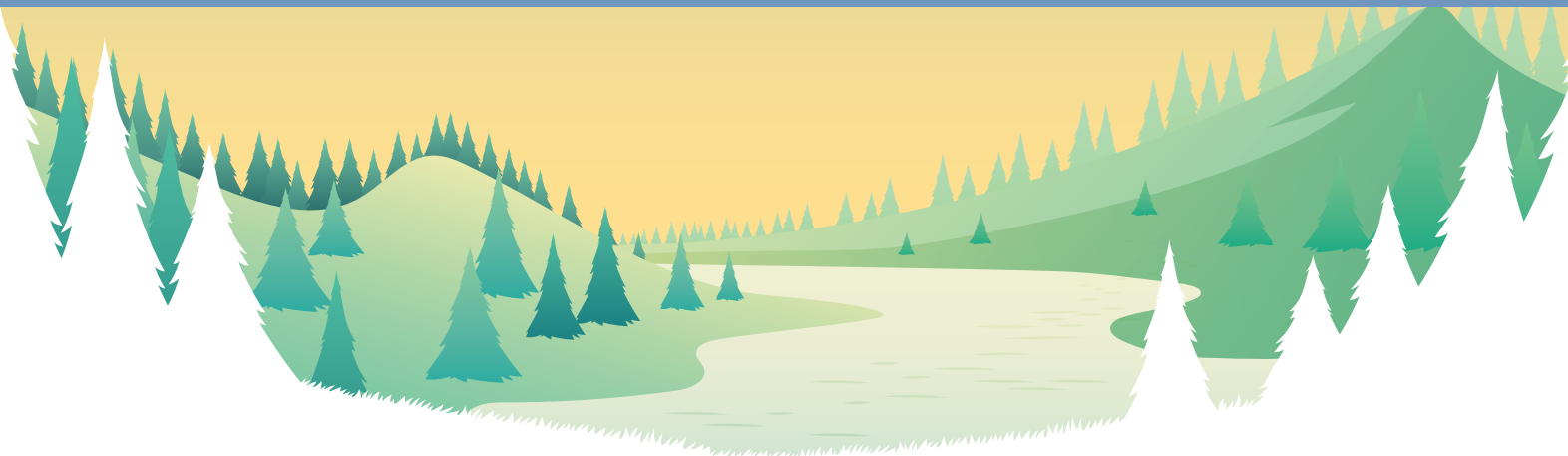
We honored many outstanding scouts and scouters this past year. Their achievements inspire us to be our better selves. We thank all the adult volunteers who make this program possible. We see your guiding, mentoring, and teaching reflected in the outstanding achievements of the youth.

This past year was not without its’ difficult decisions. At the Pathway to Adventure Council, we have done much to keep the program available for our youth long-term. In times like these, when there is a moment to reflect, it is an honor to be part of ensuring our 110+ year organization continues to thrive and be relevant in the next century.

I look forward to seeing and talking with many of you on the trail soon!

Marc J Passiment
Pathway to Adventure Council President

CAMPING



CUB SCOUT CAMP AT OWASIPPE!

Owasippe Scout Reservation is excited to announce that we will be offering resident camp for Cub Scouts in 2022!

Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos are all invited to Owasippe's Camp Wolverine for a half-week of fun and advancement! Scouts can work toward a variety of adventures while enjoying the beautiful Owasippe Scout Reservation. Swimming, Boating, Fishing, Knot tying, learning to use pocket knives safely, Fire Building, Crafts, and more are all waiting for you!

Registration opens February 1st, 2022

[More Info Here](#)



BETZ CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMP!

Family Camp introduces your Cub Scout to the overnight camping experience with the comfort of their family or den, and can serve as an exciting addition to your pack's program! Come out and experience the fun and excitement of camping combined with innovative programs that are sure to create lasting memories for your Scouting family. Don't miss this dedicated time with your Cub Scout Family!

Registration open now!

[Register Here](#)



CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

We are excited to offer several Cub Scout Day Camp opportunities throughout the council this summer. Each week offers games, Cub Scout activities, shooting sports and more!

Check your calendars and plan to register Feb. 1st!

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



PHILMONT 2023

Pathway to Adventure Council is sponsoring a 2023 Council Contingent Trek to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico.

The contingent will depart Chicago on July 1 and return on July 15. The per person fee, estimated to be \$2375.00, will include the Philmont registration fee, all trip transportation, Shakedown Weekend, Taste of Philmont, 10 mile Shakedown Hike, Philmont belt & buckle, trail tee shirts, a laundry bag for transporting a backpack, and more.

Registration closes on April 27, 2022.

[Register Here](#)



BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA
PATHWAY TO
ADVENTURE COUNCIL
• TRISTAR DISTRICT •

Grand Geneva Resort

7036 Grand Geneva Way, Lake Geneva, WI 53147

January 22 3 - 10pm

[Register Here](#)

Open to all ages and experience levels, the TriStar Ski Trip to Grand Geneva Resort is an opportunity for Scouts and their families and friends to enjoy a day on the slopes. Learning to ski/snowboard? Beginner lessons are available for a small fee. Or try your hand out at cross country skiing, snow shoeing, ice skating, or sledding. This is a great day trip for the unit or family, all are welcome to come and enjoy the day.



SILVER BEAVER RECIPIENTS

The Silver Beaver Award is presented by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, through the local Council to adult volunteer Scouters for their distinguished service to youth and their community. The award is intended to acknowledge noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters including but not limited to Cub Scouters, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Exploring leaders within the territory under the jurisdiction of Pathway to Adventure. It is considered to be the highest award a Boy Scout Council can bestow upon a volunteer Scouter.

We would like to congratulate our newest recipients: Dan Blue, Kevin Cutts, Robert Gale, Mary Hoy, Harold Israel, Sheila Langenfeld, Norman McFarland, Cindy Murray, Michael Reiss, Kevin Slaughter, Pat Troy, and Julie Turrel

Please join us in recognizing these recipients at our annual Adult Recognition Dinner, which is scheduled for February 27, 2022 at Crystal Sky Banquets.

[Event Page](#)



NESA OUTSTANDING EAGLE SCOUT AWARD RECIPIENTS

The NOESA recognizes those Eagle Scouts who have inspired others through their actions and have devoted a lifetime to their profession, avocation, community, and beliefs, at great sacrifice to themselves and their families. The award recognizes notable Eagle Scouts who have either performed distinguished service at the local, state, or regional level or who were known nationally for their professional and scouting achievements.

We would like to congratulate our newest recipients: Doug Algrim, Michael Reiss, Wayne Schimpff, Russ Talbot, and James Wilson

They will be recognized at the Council Youth Recognition Dinner on March 5, 2022.

[Event Page](#)



ADAMS EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The National Eagle Scout Association established the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award (ESSPY) to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by an Eagle Scout candidate to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity through completion of an Eagle Scout project.

Examples of projects that have been selected for the ESSPY include projects that have benefited underprivileged children, recognized veterans, been international in nature, and have required significant time and resources. The selection of recipients begins at the local level and is conducted through the PTAC NESA committee.

Submissions are due by Friday, January 21st, 2022. Anyone can submit the nomination including the Eagle Scout themselves.

Direct any questions and submissions to:

Sean Gertsch

[Click Here to Email](#)

2022 SUMMER NYLT

Are your Scouts looking for a way to sharpen their Leadership skills and have a great time doing it this summer? NYLT is the course for them! We are excited to share that PTAC will be hosting two sessions of this highly sought after leadership training for Scouts at least 13 years of age by the start of the course. Hurry, these courses are sure to fill out quickly.

[Register Here](#)

FEARLESS GIRL NYLT SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are available for girls in Scouts BSA who wish to attend NYLT. The qualifications are: Only two young women from anyone troop can qualify per year. The scholarship is available to surrounding councils, but it is preferred that Scouts take their NYLT classes with PTAC.

Scoutmasters must complete the form below stating which two ladies from their unit are recommended to receive the scholarship. Scouts must be registered through the regular registration process. The required deposit must be paid upfront. Once the Scout completes the training along with the emailed survey from the funding committee, the deposit will be refunded. No-show deposits will not be refunded; NYLT cancellation policy applies.

[Scholarship Form Here](#)



Participate in Research about Educational Robots



The Learning + Interest + Technology lab at UIC is recruiting
**families with
children in 6th or 7th grade
who identify as female**

Your child will:

Complete a short interview on their feelings about computer science
Brainstorm ways for robots to be social
Receive \$25 for completing the study

If you are interested in finding out more,
please go to
www.bit.ly/MyTurn-F21 or scan



to complete our eligibility survey, or email
cheine3@uic.edu for more info.

Your information will be kept private and confidential. The principle investigator of the study is Joseph Michaelis and can be contacted at jmich@uic.edu

Participation requires a
60-90 minute online visit
with one of our trained researchers

EXPLORING ROBOTICS

The Learning Sciences Research Institute of University of Illinois at Chicago is interested in hosting a summer institute in robotics for middle school-aged youth as part of our Exploring/STEAM program. A survey is needed in order to help organize the program for the summer. Participants will be given a \$25 gift card to Amazon for a completed survey.

[Complete Survey Here](#)

[View Event Flyer Here](#)



MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

OPEN TO: SCOUTS, VENTURERS, & EXPLORERS

An opportunity for Scouts to complete STEM-focused merit badges in a college campus setting.

SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 23, 2022

TRITON COLLEGE
2000 5TH AVENUE | RIVER GROVE, IL. 60171

\$50/SCOUT **\$25**/ADULT
REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

OPEN TO: ALL VOLUNTEERS AND SCOUTING PARENTS

An opportunity for Scouting Adults to learn everything Scouting related. From Outdoor Ethics to Dutch Oven Cooking, over 100 classes across 5 different Scout Colleges* will be offered!

*Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Adventure Scouting, General Studies, & Commissioner Service

SPECIAL EVENTS





BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
PATHWAY TO ADVENTURE COUNCIL

GEORGE MEANY AWARD CELEBRATION HONORING BOB O'TOOLE

FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY & THE WORKING FAMILIES IN OUR
UNION TRADES.

MARCH 10, 2022 | 6:00PM | LOCAL 399, 2260 S GROVE ST, CHICAGO IL 60616



UFCW
LOCAL 1546
a VOICE for working America

[Register Here](#)



GEORGE MEANY AWARD CELEBRATION

Don't miss out! Please join us in honoring this years George Meany Award Recipient, Bob O'Toole from the United Food & Commercial Workers Union, Local 1546. The Celebration will be held on March 10th, 2022 at 6 PM at 2260 S. Grove Ave, Chicago, IL 60616.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NYLT SUMMER 2022

Servant leadership starts with YOU! Pathway to Adventure Council, National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is looking for adult Scouting volunteers who are ready to watch the magic unfold as they support the youth staff that trains other youth in servant leadership.

There are two sessions in summer 2022, June 19-25 and June 26 to July 2 at Camp Betz. You are needed for part of the week or the whole time – whatever fits your schedule. If your troop will be there, you can split your week between the two!

Want to know more? E-mail nylptac@gmail.com today!

Email Here



DAY CAMP 2022 PLANNING COMMITTEE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

We need you to help make our PTAC 2022 Day Camp the best yet! We are looking for people who are willing to work with a committee of other Day Camp-loving volunteers. Volunteer positions include but are not limited to, planning program elements, defining and creating processes, recruiting other volunteers and Day Camp program on-site delivery. We would love for you to come help with even a small piece of the puzzle! Our goal is to elevate PTAC Day Camp by providing a high-quality program and experience to Cub Scouts as well as new families interested in joining. Please use the form found at the link below to either volunteer yourself or recommend a friend!

Fill Out Form Here



CALLING ALL MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS & PARENTS!

Sharing your knowledge is the greatest gift you can give a kid. You do not have to be a unit leader to be a Merit Badge Counselor. There are opportunities at MHub, Merit Badge College and in your own Scout's unit to teach them your craft, trade, profession or hobby. If you are already certified to be a merit badge counselor we need you! If you are a parent that wants to mold the next generation of Engineers, Plumbers, Architects, Vets and 130 other topics let's talk.

Email Here

TRAINING



Don't miss out on the opportunity to sign up early and secure your spot for this ultimate leadership training opportunity! Wood Badge is a unique format of training offered only to BSA volunteers. Many corporations spend thousands of dollars per attendee for trainings that don't offer the same quality as this course. Grab a friend and register together, you won't regret it!

[Register Here](#)

[Scholarship Form Here](#)

WOOD BADGE 2022



LOCAL OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME CERTIFIED IN WILDERNESS FIRST AID!

These classes are intended for Scouts/Scouters attending high adventure camps in 2022 or any Scout/Scouter who'd like to complete a WFA certification course.

[View Flyer Here](#)



HAZARDOUS WEATHER TRAINING

Direct contact leaders must complete Hazardous Weather Training to be considered position trained. This is a very important training and must be taken every two years to stay current, just like Youth Protection Training!

Hazardous Weather Training is available around the clock in the BSA Learn Center by logging in to your account on my.scouting.org

[Sign In Here](#)

CAREER CORNER



CBOE EMPOWERS

Cboe is pleased to announce the launch of its Cboe Empowers Scholars Program. The program will fully fund five “full-ride” scholarships to college for Black or Latinx students from Chicago. Students will have to meet all of the four criteria, listed on the application website. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is just over a month away, on January 31, 2022 (3pm CT).

[Program Flyer Here](#)

[About Cboe Empowers](#)

Prospective scholars should apply for the Cboe Empower Scholars Program on the Scholarship America website.

[Application Here](#)



PLUMBERS' JAC LOCAL 130 - APPRENTICE APPLICATIONS

A career in the trades is rewarding, in demand and pays better than you think. Scouts are carefully considered for their discipline and leadership. Consider building tomorrow's communities. The Plumber's Union Local 130 invites you elevate your future.

[Application Here](#)

SCOUT SHOP

SUBSCRIBE TO THE SCOUT SHOP NEWSLETTER!
Stay up to date with all promotions and store activities, sign-up or view past newsletters

[Sign Up Here](#)

From official uniform insignia to patches of all sizes, our in-store service will do it in no time!

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Patch pricing is \$3.50 per patch. We also have a Loyalty Program Card: 1 Free Sewing after 9 paid sewing.

*Check with your local Scout Shop for more information, not all Scout Shops do hemming.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

JANUARY 17, 2022

SCOUT SHOP CLOSED

Scout Shop will be closed on January 17th, 2022, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Will resume normal business hours on January 18th.

SCOUT SHOP FAVORITE PICK:

Escape Collapsible Cup \$10.99, and Bowl \$15.99 now available in your local Scout Shop. Great items when weight is an issue for Philmont, Northern Tier, Seabase, or a Troop backpacking trip.



SCOUT SUNDAY

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. However, each chartered organization can use either of two other options to celebrate this special day.

An organization can adopt a specific Sunday to celebrate. In the instance of the United Methodist Church, Scout Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It also is permissible for a local church to celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation. **2022 Patches will be available at your local Scout Shop.**

WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND

Donations accepted at any of the PTAC National Scout Shops from February 1st-15th. The World Friendship Fund gives the members of the Boy Scouts of America an opportunity to help fellow Scouts in other countries who need their support. BSA Scouts and Scouters are eager for opportunities to help and, by holding a World Friendship Fund collection, be a part of worldwide Scouting in a personal way. More than \$11 million has been donated by American Scouts and leaders to the World Friendship Fund since its beginning.



We Have Helped By

- Providing support to help create the first Scout camp and environmental center in Madagascar
- Providing funding for the sanitation needs of the National Scout Center in Bhutan
- Providing funding for a bus for the Scouts of Nepal to get to their camp
- Supporting the building of the Scout house in Mongolia
- Providing support of the Ecological Youth Center field project in Panama
- Providing support to the Asian Pacific region after the 2004 tsunami
- Providing supplies and relief to Haiti after a devastating earthquake

MUNSTER SCOUT SHOP

PTAC APPAREL



MEN'S DARK GREY POLO
\$25.00



MEN'S ROYAL BLUE POLO
\$25.00



MEN'S GREY LONG SLEEVE
\$30.00



**MEN'S GREY
HALF-ZIP SWEATSHIRT**
\$40.00



**WOMEN'S PINK
HALF-ZIP SWEATSHIRT**
\$30.00



WOMEN'S NAVY POLO
\$20.00

PARTNER ACTIVITIES

ROPES COURSES. ZIPLINING. CLIMBING.
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RACES. GROUP OUTINGS. MUSIC. MOVIES.
ADVENTURE DINING. YOGA. KARAOKE.
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★★★★ **CHICAGO WOLVES** **PATHWAY TO ADVENTURE** **SCOUT NIGHTS!**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH - 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH - 3:00 P.M.



Join the Chicago Wolves for these very special Scout Nights and help raise funds for your council! All PTAC scouts will receive a special Wolves badge for attending, and everyone in the group will receive a Wolves winter knit hat! PLUS:

2/19 – Post-Game Center Ice PTAC Group Photo

3/13 – Post-Game Center Ice PTAC Group Photo

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT LESLIE METCALF

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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 next story we feature.

Let us help get Scouts the recognition they deserve!

[Submit Story Here!](#)



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