



Roundtable is Thursday August 17

Topic is Program year Preview: Come and learn about the Blast into Scouting program for Packs and Troops, Unit New Member Coordinator, The Making of Superheroes popcorn program, SPL/Scoutmaster survey results, Lion program, fall program activities and more.

7:30 pm start and 8:15 pm completion (Network and conversation opportunities before and after)
Barrington United Methodist Church; 98 Algonquin Rd, Barrington, IL (Just west of the Palatine Road intersection with Algonquin Road)

Popcorn Kick Off and training

Adult leader training will be Tuesday August 15 at the St. James Parish Center (Cafeteria), 820 N Arlington Heights Rd. in Arlington Heights; from 6:45 pm to 8:15 pm. Registration is [online](#).

Youth kick off, Gathering of the Heroes party, is Sunday August 19 for an hour between 9 and 1 pm at the Mt. Prospect Community Center, 1000 W Central Rd. in Mt Prospect. Registration is [online](#)

If your unit has not yet committed to sell popcorn this year, please use the link to register now. This will assure you of getting necessary information and updates from the PTAC Popcorn Team.

<http://scouting.trails-end.com/tools/recruit/signup?council=bfcdc8b9-f21c-11e5-a5eb-0632e198f0a5&campaign=b8fed171-160c-11e7-a5e5-12a0d168e510>

Blast into Scouting

Information and materials will be presented and distributed at the August 17 roundtable. The Blast into Scouting night at schools and community locations is Thursday September 14 from 7 – 9 pm. The [Adventure Day at Busse Woods Grove 18](#) is October 7 from 9 am to 3 pm. [More](#).

Training

All Cub Scout leaders are urged to take the **new online role specific training**. There is training specific for Den Leaders, Cub masters and Committee members. Having all Pack volunteers complete this new online training is an excellent way to build your Pack volunteer team. The online training in 20 minute segments allows new volunteers to get up to speed quickly. The training is online at my.scouting.org. Log in any time with your Scout Member ID number, pick the Training package for your role to add to your "Learning Plan," and start.

Youth Protection Training Change

A new version of Youth Protection Training, YPT, is due to be rolled out this Fall. The revised Youth Protection Training, YPT2, will be an all-inclusive training course, eliminating the need to have separate courses for our different programs (Y01 for Cub Scout & Boy Scout leaders, Y02 for Venturing leaders, and Y03 for Exploring leaders).

To conform to state laws, which apply to all Youth Serving Organizations, **YPT2 will take an hour to complete and will have to be renewed annually.** The BSA is exploring whether annual refresher courses must also be an hour long. Additional details and specific dates will be announced as soon as they are received from the Central Region Training Committee.

Everyone whose YPT training is expired, about to expire, or perhaps has several more months before expiration, are encourage to sit down now and retake the current Youth Protection course appropriate for their registered position. The older courses take less time to complete. **The new YPT2 course may not have to be taken until your current course is a year old.**

Unit New Member Coordinator

The unit *New Member Coordinator* helps new unit families feel *Welcome* and want to stay. The New Member Coordinator helps bring new members in the unit, and engaging youth and their families in the unit experiences. There is [online training](#) available to better understand the position and how to be successful. Learn more and get position tools at the unit New Member Coordinator [portal](#).

Scouting for Food

Units in the Signal Hill District will be participating in the district wide service project to aid our community food pantries. The Scouting for Food pick up is Saturday morning November 11 with neighborhood flyer distribution beginning November 4. This drive allows all Packs, Troops, Crews, Dens and Patrols to decide on their participation and food pantry to serve. [More](#)