



Roundtable Thursday April 5 – at Barrington location

Location – Barrington United Methodist Church

98 Algonquin Rd, Barrington, Illinois (Just west of the Palatine Road intersection with Algonquin Road)

7:30 p.m. start and 8:45 p.m. completion (Network and conversation opportunities before and after)

April Roundtable topics are:

Boy Scouts: Using your Families to Enhance the Program

Cub Scouts: Duty, Respect, and Honor and Retention

Note: The **May 3 roundtable** will feature Dan Gille, marketing professional and Central Regional volunteer on the National Camping Task Force Outdoor Program Support Committee. Dan has done extensive research on what interests, attracts and retains millennial families to Scouting. He will present the results of those studies, and actions all units and Scouters can use to attract and retain membership.

Pinewood Derby – All District

The all-district pinewood derby is April 15 at Woodfield. Pack Pinewood derby design and speed winners from Lion through Webelos II (up to 36 representatives per pack) should register [online](#). Open pinewood derby racing for all ages and genders with no rule restrictions is available too. Participant registration for the event is [online](#)

Registration is only \$5, with late registration fees applying starting April 11. Lego car building and racing is available to all without advance registration or fee. All family and friends are welcome to come and observe the competition. [More](#)

Volunteers to assist with the all district pinewood derby or those with questions should contact Mike Gutschick at Guts50@aol.com

Dates to note

Merit Badge Clinic – Saturday April 7 Barrington United Methodist Church 9 am to Noon

Over 70 merit badges will be represented by counselors on hand. Online registration is available, but walk in registrations will be accepted. [More](#)

Introduction To Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) – Saturday and Sunday April 7 and 8 at Camp Lakota [More](#)

Climbing & Rappelling Instructor Training - Saturday and Sunday April 7/ 8 and May 5/ 6 at Camp Lakota, If your Troop or Crew is interested in including climbing in your high adventure program this is the opportunity for leaders to prepare to deliver the fun and engaging program activity. No Fee. Ages 16 and up [More](#)

All District Pinewood Derby – Sunday April 15 at Woodfield Mall 11 am to 4 pm design and speed competition for Lion through Webelos II Cub Scouts, open racing for all and free Lego car build and racing. [More](#)

Spring Camporee – “The Amazing Race: Scout Edition” Friday through Sunday April 27-29 at Camp Lakota. Registration will be opening within the week. [More](#)

National Youth Leadership Training - This leadership development course is for Boy Scouts First Class and above. Scouts learn and get experience in how to exercise leadership to become a vital member of their Scout led troop. [More about PTAC NYLT](#) program and scholarships

Sunday June 17 through Friday June 22, at Camp Betz Berrian Springs, Michigan - fee increases May 19 [More](#)
Sunday June 24 through Friday June 29, at Camp Sol R Crown, Wilmot Wisconsin - fee increases May 26 [More](#)

Wood Badge

- Friday through Sunday August 17, 18, 19 and Friday through Sunday September 17, 18, 19 at Camp Sol R Crown, Wilmot Wisconsin [More](#)
- Friday through Sunday September 14, 15, 16 and Friday through Sunday October 12, 13, 14 at Camp Frank S Betz, Berrien Springs, Michigan [More](#)

Webelos Unplugged – Friday through Sunday October 12-14 at Camp Lakota [More](#)

[SEE TRAINING CALENDAR FOR MORE](#)

Recruiting Resources

Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops can now order recruiting flyers online when needed. Provide unit and contact information, quantity of flyers needed, when needed, and any notice to appear on the flyer, and they will be delivered to you. Here is the link to start ordering the recurring flyers needed for your spring recruiting activities.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeru5ml7Ek7fQn9IXtUCsPGzFgAz6BG6vqQTpQmag09b3aiA/vi_wform?usp=sf_link

Recruiting is more than handing out flyers, so here are some helpful tips on how to make your recruiting efforts successful. [More information](#)

Schedule unit presentations – IIC and In-Tents

IMPORTANT, if you haven't had or scheduled your Unit Invest in Character (IIC formally known as FOS) and In Tents Presentations, contact:

Camping, In Tents, presentation: Neal Silbert at nsilbert@gmail.com or 773 372-2693 **OR** Mary Hoy at hoymy@hotmail.com or 847 372-2580

Invest in Character presentation: Uly. Koutropoulos, at ece_peter@yahoo.com or (847) 217-4817

The presentations are under 10 minutes so they fit well in Pack meeting or Courts of Honor. All units must have their “In Tents” and IIC presentations prior to May 30 to assure parents receive timely information.

G.O.-Exploring

The Girls Outdoor (G.O.) Exploring transition program is being offered by the PTAC in 2018 for charter organizations and Troops to prepare for inclusion of females in the Boy Scout program. It allows units and chartering organizations to be forward thinking and positioned for coming changes. The G.O.-Exploring program focus on junior high girls is highlighted on the [program flyer](#). Avery Epstein, PTAC G.O.-Exploring professional, is the contact for details and assistance in setting up a G.O.-Exploring program. E-mail her at Avery.Exstein@Scouting.org or call 224 310-5492.

This is the time to open critical conversations between unit leaders and their charter organization about Boy Scout program changes. G.O.-Exploring is one reason to open that discussion with your Charter Organization Representative now. [More](#)

BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)

Camping is important to Scouting and Packs need to have a BALOO trained leader present when camping. The new BALOO course uses a blended approach of online and hands on instructor led training. The course begins with eight brief online modules, available at my.scouting.org. Each module lasts 10 minutes or less and covers basics like the benefits of the outdoor program and health and safety considerations. Once you’ve completed those prerequisites, you’re ready for the weekend hands-on instructor guided portion built on camping and the new advancement program. Cub Scout leaders get ready now by taking the online training through the my.scouting.org training portal.

Unit Survey responses

Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Crew Unit Leaders,

Thanks to the units who responded to the survey. Of the units responding 93% were interested in carrying out spring recruiting. This clear interest in spring recruiting has us working with the professional field staff to provide support to those units. A first step is online recruiting flyer ordering. (See [Google doc form](#))

Before survey results are presented to Council Leadership we need responses from all units. Follow up with the five packs pending a response; Pack 92, 237, 282,335 and 964; is underway.

Yours in Scouting,

Dan Pierce

Signal Hill District Chair

OA Announcement

OA leadership announced the combined PTAC lodge name will be Takhone (translation – where rivers join) with lodge number of 7 and a totem of the Canoe Paddle

Program Safety curriculum

Program Safety training along with vigilance helps ensure Scouting program safety risks are identified and mitigated. The Program Safety Supplemental Training curriculum includes the new and revised Hazardous Weather, Safe Swim, Defense. Safety Afloat, Trek Safely, Climb on Safely and Drive Safely courses. The Program Safety curriculum is available online at My.Scouting.org in the Training Center for Scouting U.

Merit Badge Workshops

The Microsoft Store in the Woodfield Mall offers merit badge workshops through the spring and summer in Animation, Astronomy, Digital Technology, Game Design, Movie Making, Photography, and Programming. [Registration is through the Three-Fires Council.](#) [More](#)
