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All Activity/Event, Training, and Reference flyers for Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, and Venturing are at the Signal Hill District Webpage Roundtable tab. New flyers are added through the month. New ones can be found by looking for the *.

STEM now has its own section on the Signal Hill District Webpage Roundtable tab. Go to the bottom for the information needed to add STEM to your unit program.
If your unit has a Scouting-related announcement desired to be included in the Flyers and announced with the News distribution, send the electronic version; e.g., PDF, JPG, Word Doc; to ScoutNews.SignalHill@gmail.com. Flyers are posted immediately on the Signal Hill District webpage Roundtable tab and announced in the News.

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Next – Roundtable – September 5 – at Barrington location, Future Frontier Camporee and Adventure Day, recording advancements
Key Dates on the Horizon

- September 12, 2019 – **Recruiting Night** – Closing day for “Blast into Scouting” school recruiting, and new Scout application turn-in. See more below
- September 20–22, 2019 – **Free camping weekend at Camp Napowan** [registration fee applies after September 6 and closes September 16]. More
- September 27–29, 2019 – **Free camping weekend at Owasippe Scout Reservation** [registration fee applies after September 14 and closes September 23]. More
- October 4–6, 2019 – **Webelos Unplugged**, Camp Lakota, Woodstock, Illinois, registration is open and Leader package has been released. More
- October 11–13, 2019 – **Camporee 2019: PTAC’s Future Frontier**, Busse Woods, Elk Grove Village, IL. See more below
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- December 26–29, 2019 **Nova Camp** - Camp Lakota in Woodstock, Illinois, online registration is open. See more below
- February 7–9, 2020 – **Klondike** “Find the Yeti” and earn the Search and Rescue merit badge, Camp Lakota, Woodstock, Illinois

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“Blast into Scouting” - Fall Recruiting

September 12, 2019, is the closing day for “Blast into Scouting” school recruiting. Units holding or desiring to hold school recruiting events should let Jennifer Lennon Jennifer.Lennon@scouting.org know the schools and dates. With one-week advance notice, Jennifer will be able to provide applications, information flyers, and materials.

On September 12, three application turn-in sites will be available from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for units to turn in Scout applications:

- Northwest Council Service Center in Arlington Heights, 617 E. Golf Road Suite 101
- Starbucks in Palatine on Northwest Highway, 234 N. Northwest Highway
- Starbucks in Barrington on Main Street, 101 W. Main Street

If the above locations on September 12 are not convenient, all applications received from the “Blast” are to be delivered to Jennifer Lennon or the Northwest Council Service Center; 617 E. Golf Road Suite 101, Arlington Heights, IL 60005, no later than Saturday September 14. Questions, contact Jennifer Lennon Jennifer.Lennon@scouting.org or Chase Braun chazbrau@gmail.com

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Busse Woods (E. Higgins Road and Elk Grove Rd., Elk Grove Village, Illinois)

The Leader guide is now available provide more details on the events and weekend schedule. It is available online along with registration. A postcard mailing will go out to all unit and pack leaders to remind them to complete their unit register. More

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2019 Popcorn Sale is POPPING!

We are having our first distribution on Saturday August 24, and the second wave of units on September 7. Also on September 7, we will be distributing the Chocolate Caramel Crunch product as well, with more communication coming out on that soon.

If you have not yet signed up for a shift at the Oasis, please contact Harry Smith at safetysmith@sbcglobal.net He is the only contact for setting this up.

Hope you are all going to have a great sale using the new Trails End app. It will enable you to do so much more this year like taking credit cards, scheduling Site Sales, and keeping track of what every Scout in your unit is selling.

Be on the lookout for the Kernels Korners to begin soon. Information on the sale can be found on the PTAC website, under the resources tab, and then Popcorn Resources 2019.

Any questions about popcorn can be emailed to ptac.popcorn@scouting.org

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Things for Scouts to do:

Native American Harvest Pow Wow
Naper Settlement, Naperville, IL
Saturday and Sunday September 21 and 22, 2019
Produced by Midwest SOARRING Foundation More

Chicago Blackhawks Scout Nights
Sunday, November 10, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Chicago Blackhawks vs Toronto Maple Leafs
Sunday, December 15, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Chicago Blackhawks vs Minnesota Wild
Pricing and additional details to be announced on the PTAC calendar

Cub Scout Campout at Wild West Town
Every Saturday through October 26, 2019
Union, Illinois More

Chicago Botanic Gardens
Scout programs and camping
Glencoe, Illinois More

Morton Arboretum
Campouts and merit badge workshops
Registration opens August 20, 2019
Lisle, Illinois More

DuPage Children's Museum
Achievement activities and overnights
Naperville, Illinois [More]

SCOUTStrong Healthy Unit Award
BSA Fit Fuel and Fun Award units can do and earn [More]

Kids Workshop at Home Depot
Register online [More]

Chicago Museums - FREE Days
Over 20 museums in Chicago offer free admission on selected dates [More]

Dunn Museum of Lake County
Libertyville, Illinois
Free admission first and third Thursday evening and Tuesday [More]

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Leader Development

Online training is always available through My.Scouting.org

Updated Scouts BSA and Cub Scouts online training – The Cub Scout modules have been totally rewritten with a newer interface and are shorter than previous versions. Scouts BSA courses reflect the addition of girls to this program. Both have new learning plans that include Hazardous Weather training, so volunteers do not have to go to another learning plan to get this position-trained requirement.

Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA - Wood Badge 2019

Scouts BSA - Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
Friday, September 27, at 5:00 p.m. through Saturday September 28, at 5:00 p.m.
Camp Big Timber, 37W955 Big Timber Road, Elgin, Illinois
Introduces the adult Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, or Crew Advisor to the outdoor skills learned by scouts through First Class rank. This includes interactive sessions on cooking, fire building, orienteering, knot tying and much, much more! All Scouters are invited, including Committee members, Webelos lead [More]

Scouts BSA - Den Chief Training
September 27, 2019, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Our Saviour's United Methodist Church, 701 E. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, Illinois
For Scouts BSA youth who wish to serve as a Den Chief, Cost: No fee [More]

Cub Scouts - BALOO - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation Training
Saturday September 28, 2019, at 7:45 a.m. to Sunday September 29, 2019, at noon
St. Peter Lutheran Church & School, 202 E. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, Illinois
BALOO is the Cub Scout leader training required for any Cub Scout den or pack outdoor event, including pack camping overnights and Webelos den overnights. (This course replaces the previous OWLS Course.) [More]

Scouts BSA - Wilderness First Aid Certification Class
These two session classes are intended for Scouts and adult leaders attending high-adventure camps in 2020, or any Scout and adult leader who would like to be certified in Wilderness First Aid.

Saturday, October 19, and Saturday, October 26, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Lake Katherine Nature Center, 7402 Lake Katherine Drive, Palos Heights, Illinois

Saturday, November 02, and Saturday, November 9, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Bridgeview Community Center, 7902 S. Oketo, Bridgeview, Illinois

Additional sessions will be available monthly through June 2020. More

**Scouts BSA - Scoutmaster and Assistant Specific Training**

Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
St. Paul's Church, 5739 Dunham Road, Downers Grove, Illinois

This course provides Scoutmasters and Assistants with the basic information and tools they need to lead successful Boy Scout troops. This course along with Introduction to Outdoor Leaders Skills is required training for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters to be considered trained for their position. More

**Scouts BSA - NYLT 2020 - update**

There will be a two weekend winter 2020 National Youth Leadership Training courses held at Camp Big Timber in Elgin, Illinois. It will be January 17–19 and February 14–16, 2020. Registration is open. More

The NYLT Summer 2020 courses will be held at Owasippe Scout Reservation June 21 to 27 and June 28 to July 4, 2020. The dates are confirmed with registration to open February 1, 2020.

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**In Other News**

- **In the News** – Daily Herald – Troop 209 had smooth sailing in their third annual cardboard regatta held at Palatine Community Park Family Aquatic Center for 14 competing boats. Event included participation by Cub Scouts in Pack 209 More

- **2020 Annual Program Planning Guide** – To aid in your unit planning for 2020, the PTAC has developed this Program Planning Guide. This guide lists key dates for Council-wide events and programs, along with tools and best practice tips. Program planning is a simple but critical part of a unit's success. Throughout the process, remember your goal is to deliver a quality program to each Scout and their family. It should be fun, exciting, and focused on the purposes of Scouting. Setting an annual program plan provides direction and a sense of satisfaction and a feeling of accomplishment in a job well done. Planning also makes the best possible use of your valuable volunteer time. View the Planning Guide here!
• **iFLY’s NOVA Night** – Sunday September 15 iFly is offering a way for Scouts to achieve the Up and Away – Engineering NOVA Award. Scouts complete the first and second portions of Up and Away; exploration and merit badge. At iFly they complete the third portion of Up and Away by incorporating approved lab experiment, and the fourth portion through the STEM presentation and the opportunity to fly. iFly offers a FREE flight to attending counselors to complete portion five. Here are the Up and Away requirements for Scouts to review, along with the rest of the site. If desiring to attend on September 15, RSVP and arrange a time to talk with Rowan [Here](#).

• **Merit Badge Counselor Maximum** – Effective July 1, 2019, Merit Badge Counselors registered with the PTAC are not to counsel more than eight (8) merit badges. The PTAC Advancement Committee is providing a grandfather provision for counselors currently registered to counsel more merit badges, and for exceptions. [More](#).

• **Addressing Reports of Abuse in Scouting** – Michael Johnson, National Youth Protection Director for the Boy Scouts of America, shares details on how the organization keeps kids safe. [More](#).

• **Emergency Preparedness Event** – Saturday, October 19, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Miller Woods South Forest Preserve, 15th St and 1st Avenue, Maywood, Illinois. Scouts will learn about emergency preparedness procedures and techniques through demonstrations and actual practice. Scouts will earn the Emergency Preparedness Award. Registration closes September 30, 2019. [More](#).

• **Cub Scout Pushmobile Derby 2019** – October 26, 2019, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hosted by Indian Trails District at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4620 N. Knox, Chicago (North of Wilson, East of Cicero and the Edens). [More](#).

• **Windy City Ninja for Scouts BSA Girl Troops** – This event is for our Scouts BSA girl troops on Saturday, November 9, from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm at 2500 W Bradley Place, Unit H, Chicago, Illinois. Scouts of girl troops will participate in teambuilding skills, variable skill obstacle course competition, team relay races. If time permits, there will be an open gym to connect with other girls of Scouts BSA Troops from across the Council. [More](#).

• **Nova Camp** - Thursday December 26 at 5:00 p.m. through Sunday December 29, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Three days at Camp Lakota in Woodstock, Illinois centered around STEM Merit Badges, Nova award and stimulating activities. Scouts will be able to earn two STEM merit badges at camp and, with advance preparation, attain the Nova award. Registration is now open but limited. Questions: contact Norm McFarland at normmc98@yahoo.com [More](#).

• **Spreading the Good Word of Scouting** – A grassroots organization, BSA Parents, has created a place for parents to share their story and belief in Scouting with other parents. BSA Parents is asking for moms and dads like you to share your Scouting story with the world. There are three ways to get involved:
  - Visit the BSA Parents website at bsaparents.com.
  - Recruit your friends and family to join the effort.
  - Share your Scouting story with the world. [More](#).

• **New Cub Scout Preview Adventures** – Adventures await Cub Scouts and not only can they find them in their handbooks, but now they can find adventures online. Also, there are limited-time Preview Adventures. These are experimental adventures that Cub Scouts can earn and count toward advancement. [More](#).

• **College Scouter Reserve** - Your Scouts going to college can sign up as leaders of your unit. High School graduation does not mean youth need to leave Scouting. A man or woman too old to be a
Scout BSA, Varsity Scout, Sea Scout or Venturer can be register as a Unit College Scouter Reserve. They remain a registered Scout volunteer able to support the unit as they have the opportunity. Registration as a Unit College Scouter Reserve helps young people stay connected with Scouting, does not adversely impact the unit’s Journey to Excellence score, and retains the valuable Scouting knowledge and skill to work with the next generation of Scouts. More

In Case You Missed It

- **Scouts BSA Girl Troop Facebook Group** – is the place to find updates on the Scouts BSA program for girls. Youth and adults are invited to join the group. To join, please click here: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/453389998744439/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/453389998744439/)

- **Webelos Unplugged** – October 4–6, 2019, Camp Lakota, Woodstock, Illinois – Don’t miss this fun fall Scouting event. There will be a weekend of camping for Webelos Scouts and parents with the chance to learn from Scouts BSA, sleep in tents, complete adventures, cook food, and have fun outdoors at Camp Lakota’s 120 acres of varied terrain of woodlands, wetlands, and prairies. Webelos will have the opportunity to work with Scouts BSA members while earning adventures during the day and a campfire in the evening. Registration is open online. More

  Questions contact: Mary Hoy at hoymy@hotmail.com Scouts BSA Troops interested in coming out to support the event should also contact Mary Hoy.

- **Haunted Hike** – Friday, October 25 and Saturday, October 26, 2019, Order of the Arrow Takhone Lodge #7 presents the 24th Annual Haunted Hike at the Methodist Campground, 1890 East Algonquin Road, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Scouts and non-Scouts of all ages are invited. The hikes start at 7:00 p.m. Friday with the extra scary hikes from 9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. On Saturday, a fright-free "Flashlight Hike" runs from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 pm, then the regular hikes are from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., with the extra scary hikes starting at 9:30 p.m. More

- **CTA (Council Training Academy) Update** – November 9 in Oak Brook at The Conference Center in Oakbrook (formerly known as Hamburger University), 2715 Jorie Blvd. The one-day training extravaganza will be at a new location making it readily accessible to all Pathway to Adventure Council leaders. An extensive catalogue of required and enrichment courses is to be available at end of August with registration opening in September. Watch for further updates. More

- **New Online Den Chief Training** – Online Den Chief training is now available. The course allows Scouts to identify Den Chief responsibilities and tasks, the Den Chief’s relationship for supporting den leaders, and the Den Chief’s activities with the den. At the course end, Scouts can print their certificate of completion signifying they are trained for the Den Chief position and have fulfilled a requirement toward the Den Chief Service Award.

- **Eagle Scout Application Extension Update** – If your Scout is eligible for the Eagle Scout age requirement extension, do not hesitate! Please, request an extension right away. A "HOW TO" guide is found online. To find out if your Scout is eligible, see this link: [https://voiceofscouting.org/bsa-eagle-extension](https://voiceofscouting.org/bsa-eagle-extension)

- **Microsoft Merit Badge Workshops** – These are held regularly at the Woodfield Mall Microsoft Store for many technology and STEM merit badges. Advance registration is required. More

- **Triton Merit Badge College** – Saturday, November 16, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 2000 5th Ave, River Grove, Illinois. Learn and earn in state-of-the-art labs under the direction of professors and seasoned volunteer merit badge counselors. Scouts may select two workshops from those available, except
automotive maintenance, which is an all-day workshop. Registration is limited and will open online June 7. More

- **Pathway to Adventure Council Scholarship Funds**
  - **Wood Badge Fund** contributions of $100 or more receive a limited-edition Council Wood Badge Shoulder Patch. More
  - **National Youth Leadership Training Fund** – Patron patch purchases support need-based scholarships for youth to attend NYLT. The limited-edition patches (50 patches) costs $150 with the majority of the purchase price tax deductible as allowed by law. Purchase yours at [https://scoutingevent.com/456-24630](https://scoutingevent.com/456-24630)

- **Scouts BSA Program Resources Page**
  - Link: [https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/resources/](https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/resources/)
  - **Who it’s for:** Adult volunteers, parents, and Scouts
  - **Why it’s useful:** It’s a list of official resources to help your Scouts BSA troop be the best it can be.
  - **What’s there:**
    - A checklist for a new Scoutmaster who might be unfamiliar with Scouts BSA
    - The main page for family Scouting, which is the BSA’s initiative to welcome all members of the family into all Scouting programs
    - A one-page, customizable document you can use at parent orientation
    - A troop resource survey, which lets you learn the skills of each troop parent to identify potential merit badge counselors and volunteers
    - The latest requirements for every merit badge
    - The complete script for an orientation for new Scout parents
    - Resources to help you plan better troop meetings
    - Information on the National Eagle Scout Association, which is essentially an alumni group of those who have earned Scouting’s highest honor

- **Scouts BSA Program Update Page**
  - Link: [https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/program-updates/](https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/program-updates/)
  - **Who it’s for:** Adult volunteers, parents, and Scouts
  - **Why it’s useful:** It’s a single place where you’ll find the latest updates or changes to Scouts BSA materials. - What’s there:
    - New or updated language for Scouts BSA printed materials, such as the Scouts BSA Handbook, Scouts BSA Requirements book or a merit badge pamphlet
    - Updated requirements for merit badges or ranks
    - Information on new Scouts BSA initiatives or opportunities

Further information about activities, training and reference material is available on the [Signal Hill District Webpage](https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/program-updates/).
Next - September Roundtable for leaders

Thursday, September 5, 2019 – at 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)
Those with roundtable announcements need to arrive by 7:15 pm to meet with the roundtable commissioner.

Program: Preparing for the PTAC council-wide Future Frontier Camporee and Adventure Day
New way for recording advancements

Roundtable is open to all unit leaders, committee members, and parents as a communication and education forum. It is the first Thursday of each month, except for July and August.

Subscribe to the Signal Hill email distribution list here to receive Scouting activity, training and event notices.

There are also special Scouting distribution lists for:
- Cub Scout Pack leaders and parents
- Webelos den leaders and parents
- Scouts BSA Troop leaders and parents
- Venturing Crew leaders and parents

If you are a Cubmaster or Assistant, Scoutmaster or Assistant, Committee Chair, or Chartered Organization Representative for a Pack or Troop email Signal.Hill.NWSC@gmail.com to be added to one of those lists.

The PTAC NWS Community service center and scout shop are at
617 E Golf Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois
The phone number for all PTAC professionals and service centers is 312-421-8800

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