September Roundtable

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 8:30 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

Our District Executive, Jennifer Lennon, will be bringing all recruitment materials and site packets for units that haven't picked up their materials yet. Jennifer and Wes Weems, our Field Director, will be present for last minute assistance for anyone who needs help with blast or supplemental recruitment.

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

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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, 2019 – Last day for early bird pricing for Camporee 2019: PTAC’s Future Frontier [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, 2019 – Last day to register to camp at the Camporee 2019: PTAC’s Future Frontier [See more below]
- September 27–29, 2019 – Free camping weekend at Owasippe Scout Reservation [registration fee applies after September 14 and closes September 23] [More]
- October 4, 2019 – Registration closes for Camporee 2019: PTAC’s Future Frontier [See more below]
- 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]
- November 9, 2019 – **CTA (Council Training Academy)**, The Conference Center in Oak Brook (formerly known as Hamburger University), Oak Brook, Illinois [More]
- November 16, 2019 – **Merit Badge Clinic** – Barrington United Methodist Church, Barrington, Illinois, online registration opens October 1 to see counselors for over 100 merit badges [More]
- 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. All recruitment materials and site packets ordered but haven’t been picked up will be available at the September 5 roundtable. Our District Executive, Jennifer Lennon and Wes Weems, our Field Director, will be present at the September 5 roundtable to provide unit leaders with last minute assistance with “Blast” or supplemental recruitment activities.

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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Camporee 2019: Pathway to Adventure Council’s Future Frontier – Update

October 11–13, 2019

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

CLARIFICATIONS:

- Camporee Camping is open to all ages and programs; Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts
- Access at Busse Woods starts at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday October 12, 2019, for all age appropriate Adventure Day and Camporee program areas
- New Scouts since January 1, 2019, attend for free, receive a rocket for launch, and receive a rocket engine at event. Note: There is no cost to attend Adventure Day or camp overnight; however, units may assess Scouts a unit fee for food, etc.
● Existing youth Scouts and adult Scouters attend for $18 if registered by September 20, 2019, and $25 after September 20. Note: Units may assess Scouts an additional unit fee for food, etc.
● Unit leaders who reported estimated attendance without paying a fee have been sent an email reminder to complete their unit registration.

The Leader Guide is now available. It provides more details on the events and weekend schedule.

Key Dates:
September 20, 2019 – Last day for $18 early bird pricing
September 27, 2019 – Last day to register to camp
October 4, 2019 – Registration closes
October 11–13, 2019 – Adventure Day and Camporee at Busse Woods

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Adult leaders interested in making this quality program a reality for all PTAC Scouts should email Robert Gale, event organizer, at PTACcamporee2019@gmail.com. Assistance is needed for activities, administration / logistics, finance, fundraising / sponsorships, and marketing / promotions. More

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BSA Youth Advisory Panel

The National Boy Scouts of American Youth Advisory Panel (YAP) is looking for outstanding Scouts to help guide the BSA by providing their insights and perspective on how Scouting can best represent them. Scouts ages 11–20 are encouraged to apply! The panel will launch with a series of digital meetings. Application can be found here and will be accepted through September 30, 2019.

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Online training is always available through My.Scouting.org

Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA - Wood Badge 2019

September 20–22, 2019, and October 26–28, 2019, Camp Frank S. Betz, Berrien Springs, Michigan More

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, and Webelos leaders. More

Scouts BSA - Den Chief Training

For Scouts BSA youth who wish to serve as a Den Chief

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
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 overnighters and Webelos den overnighters. (This course replaces the previous OWLS Course.) More

Cub Scouts - Cub Scout Leaders and Assistants Leaders
Cubmasters and Assistants
Cub Scout Committee Members
October 5, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. –12:15 p.m. (check-in begins 8:00am)
If you require Youth Protection, it will be presented at 12:15 pm -1:30 p.m.
Estelle Sieb Center - 7750 W. Irving Park Rd, Norridge, Illinois
Registration closes Friday, October 4, 2019.
Cubmaster registration link  Den leader registration link  Committee registration link 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 5:00 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 - OKPIK Winter Camping Adventure
This three-classroom session and practical weekend campout course enables adults and youth to learn and experience safe and fun winter camping.  All sessions are required to complete the course.  Registration is open.
- Classroom Session 1 – Sunday, October 20, 2019, from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1903 E. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights, Illinois
- Classroom Session II – Sunday, November 17, 2019, from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1903 E. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights, Illinois
- Overnight Practical Campout – Saturday, January 11, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. through noon Sunday, January 12, 2020, at Camp Lakota, 2050 Deep Cut Road, Woodstock, Illinois
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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 Scouts BSA 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

**Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, and Venturing - Outdoor Program Conference**

The two 2020 Outdoor Program Conferences will be January 18, 2020, in Des Moines, Iowa and January 25, 2020, in Indianapolis, Indiana. One of the conference highlights will be a Cub Scout Day Camp Program workshop presented by Andrea Watson from the Boy Scouts of America national office. More program and registration details will be available soon. The conferences are arranged by the Central Region Outdoor Program Support Committee (CROPS)

**Scouts BSA - NYLT 2020**

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.

**Area 7 Venturing Extravaganza - "A Mythical Mayhem"**

Friday, October 4, 2019, 6:00 p.m. through Sunday October 6 at 10:00 a.m.  
Rainbow Scout Reservation, 2600 Winterbottom Road, Morris, Illinois

Registration is open online through October 3, with early bird tickets closing September 16, at 12:00 a.m.  
Friday evening is cracker barrel with movies. Saturday is activity day with shotgun and pistol shooting, archery, high ropes, STEM station, room escape, human foosball, murder mystery, and more. Camping Friday and Saturday night included with traveling trophies awarded Saturday evening.  
Hosted by Venturing Crew 422 of the Rainbow Council, Illinois  
Questions email area7venturing@gmail.com, or call Aaron at 708-227-9650. More

In Other News

- News Maker—Eagle Scout William Ottenfeld of Troop 188 in Palatine, Illinois earned all currently offered merit badges plus two merit badges—computers and cinematography—no longer available for a total of 139 merit badges. The last merit badge, Backpacking, Will earned this August. Will is a senior at Palatine High School and member of the Palatine High School Diving Team along with serving as a counselor at Camp Napowan and being Order of Arrow Brotherhood. After graduation, Will wants to study biology. Well done, Will!!
- **Merit Badge Workshops at Bass Pro Shops and Cabela’s** - During September Bass Pro Shops and Cabela’s will be offering merit badge workshops at stores across the USA. Associates certified to teach part of the Fishing, Rifle Shooting or Fish and Wildlife Management merit badges will be conducting workshops on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. There is no fee but register is required and limited to 10 Scouts per session. Register for the merit badge workshops at the store customer service desk or by calling your local store. Workshops have started and run through Thursday September 26. [More](#).

- **Cub Scout Summertime Award** – If your Pack or Den held activities during June, July, and August now is the time to submit your application for the National Summertime Pack Award. The application and tracking sheet can be turned in to our District Executive or a PTAC service center. Assure your Pack, Den, and Scouts are recognized for participating in Scouting through the summer.

- **Scout swim at the Playdium in Glenview** (1776 Glenview Road, Glenview, Illinois) – Fall, Winter, and Spring sessions. The fall session is from October 15 through December 17, 2019. $40.00 fee for session with available activities include Cub Scout Aquanaut, BSA Swim Test for first and second class, swimming and life-saving merit badge workshops, and swimming lessons. [More](#).

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**In Case You Missed It**

- **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 merit badge counselor Rowan Poulosophos [Here](#).

- **Native American Harvest Pow Wow** – Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22, 2019, Native American fall celebration open to the public to experience true Native Americans and their culture at Naper Settlement, Naperville, Illinois, Produced by Midwest SOARRING Foundation [More](#).

- **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](mailto:hoymy@hotmail.com)  Scouts BSA Troops interested in coming out to support the event should also contact Mary Hoy.

- **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](#).
• **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](#)

• **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](#)

• **CTA (Council Training Academy) Update** – November 9 in Oak Brook at The Conference Center in Oak Brook (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](#)

• **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](#)

• **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](#)

• **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 Mary Hoy at hoymy@hotmail.com or Norm McFarland at normmc98@yahoo.com [More](#)

• **2019 Popcorn Sale**

  Key Dates:

  September 7 – Pickup Chocolately Carmel Crunch + Show and Sell (Orders not picked up 8/24)
  September 9 – Re-Order #1 Due
  September 13–14 – Re-Order #1 Distribution
  September 23 – Re-Order #2 Due
  September 26–27 – Re-Order #2 Distribution
  October 7 – Re-Order #3 Due
  October 10-11 – Re-Order #3 Distribution
  October 26 – Show & Sell Return Show & Sell Payment Due
  October 26 – Take Order Due
  November 9 – Take Order Distribution

  November 22 – Final Payment Due

  If you desire to signed up for a shift at a Tollway Oasis, please contact Harry Smith at safetysmith@sbcglobal.net
  He is the only contact for setting Tollway Oasis sales.
Hope you are all going to have a great sale using the new Trail's 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' Korner 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

- **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!](#)

- **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](#)

- **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. [More](#)
  - Recruit your friends and family to join the effort. [More](#)
  - 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](#)

- **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](#)

- **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

Further information about activities, training and reference material is available on the Signal Hill District Roundtable Webpage.

New Flyer

Flyers are posted when available on the Signal Hill District Webpage under Roundtable. New flyers this month include the following:

Cub Scout flyers
- Catholic Scout Fishing event 2019 09 28
- Cub Scout Den Leader training 2019 10 15
- Cub Scout Leader training 2019 10 05
- Cub Scout Leader training 2019 11 02
- Cubmaster Leader Training 2019 10 15
- Den Chief Seminar 2019 10 5
- NU Wildcats football Scout day 2019 09-14 *
- PTAC 2019 Camporee FAQ 2019-10-11 V05-06 *
- PTAC 2019 Camporee The Future Frontier Leader Guide 2019 10-11 *
- Pushmobile Derby notice 2019 10-26 *
- Pushmobile Derby signup 2019 10-26 *
- Scout Unit Program Planning Guide PTAC V2020 *
- Swimming program at Playdium 2019-2020
- Webelos Unplugged 2019 Registration Packet 2019 10-06 *

Scouts BSA flyers
- Catholic Scout Fishing event 2019 09 28
- Den Chief Seminar 2019 10 5
- Merit Badge Clinic notice 2019-11-16 as of 8-16 *
- Merit Badge Counselor Maximums *
- NYLT Winter 2020 course 2020 02-16 *
- PTAC 2019 Camporee FAQ 2019-10-11 V05-06 *
- PTAC 2019 Camporee The Future Frontier Leader Guide 2019 10-11 *
- Scout Unit Program Planning Guide PTAC V2020 *
- Swimming program at Playdium 2019-2020
- William T. Hornaday Advisor - Angler Instructor - Tread Lightly Trainer - Training Courses 2019 10 13
- Windy City Ninjas for girl Troops V2 2019 11-09 *

Venturing flyers
If your unit has a Scouting-related announcement desired to be included in the Flyers and announced with the News and Flyers distribution, send the electronic version; e.g. PDF, JPG, Word Doc; to ScoutNews.SignalHill@gmail.com. Once the webpage is available flyers received will be posted on the Signal Hill District webpage on the Roundtable tab and included in the next notice.

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 NW Council 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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