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President's Message

Renewal.

It's a jam-packed seven letter word. To some it means resume, to others it means change, to still others it means innovate. To me it means reconnecting. Reconnecting with friends, reconnecting to core values, reconnecting in – Scouting! Whenever I am feeling a bit low on energy, all I need to do is tune into a Scouting meeting or event.

Tonight I reconnected. I tuned into one of our District Chairs meetings. We have 11 Districts led by committed volunteers and coordinated by the indomitable Jim Poueymirou! Between them they lead the 469 units, 14,283 youth and over 5,400 adult volunteers across the 1561 square miles that comprise Pathway. As these numbers attest, all of our indicators are UP! We have resumed what we did so well pre-Covid. And tonight the District Chairs gave me seven fulsome questions to carry to the National Annual Meeting next week in Orlando; questions to which we need answers to help grow Scouting in Pathway.

We are growing and changing. Thanks to our SVP Lou Sandoval, Jackie Ruiz, CEO of JJR Marketing in Naperville, has agreed to serve as Chair of our Marketing Task Force. Jackie will help us figure out how best to get the word out - about needs, opportunities, events and successes. And at the request of attendees at our annual meeting, we will post on our website summary financial information about the Council. Meanwhile, our Commissioner Bertha maintains a highest standard for YPT, and our Membership VP Rick Romani continues to develop new and innovative recruiting programs and metrics for tracking their implementation.

But we still need to innovate more. This newsletter does a fantastic job of notifying about forthcoming events and opportunities to get involved. It would be even better if it shared the good news of all that we are accomplishing – the numbers of Eagle Scouts, Venturing Summits and Sea Scout Quartermasters; the number of Scouts who learned to swim and others who earned Lifesaving Merit Badge; the number of community service hours; and print media coverage and U-Tube postings. We also need a job board to post our need for volunteers. We will work on all of that.

Renewal? You bet! Thanks for all that you have done – and will do – for Pathway Scouting!!

Stephen Schwab
Council President



Council Monthly



National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

What is NYLT? National Youth Leadership Training is an action-packed program designed to provide Scouts with leadership skills and experiences they can use in their home units and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

NYLT is a six-day course. Content is delivered in outdoor troop and patrol settings with an emphasis on immediate application and learning in a fun environment. Scouts are first introduced to interconnecting concepts and work processes. These ideas are then built upon and reinforced using memory aids to allow participants to understand and employ their newfound skills much faster.



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2024 SESSIONS

Session 1: June 9 - June 14, 2024

Session 2: June 16 - June 21, 2024

- Open to all Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts
- Transportation to and from the camp is NOT provided
- Scholarships are available!!!

2024 FEES

\$325 per Scout

LOCATION

Camp Frank S. Betz
3858 E. Snow Rd.
Berrien Springs, MI



[Click Here for a Sneak Peek of NYLT!](#)



Council Monthly



Wood Badge

Whether you're a seasoned leader or just beginning your journey, Wood Badge helps prepare you to inspire and guide the Scouts you serve. This immersive experience isn't just another training. It is fully designed to empower you with the most current skills, knowledge, and networks to lead with confidence and impact across all aspects of your life.

Join us over two weekends this fall to enhance your leadership strengths, develop lasting friendships, and begin a legacy that extends far beyond the course itself.

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2024 SESSION

Weekend 1: Sept. 20 - Sept 22, 2024

Weekend 2: Oct. 19 - Oct. 20, 2024

- Open to registered members of the BSA.
- During both weekends, participants will tent camp.
- Limited scholarships are available!

2024 FEES

Early Bird: \$300

Regular: \$325

LOCATION

Camp Frank S. Betz
3858 E. Snow Rd.
Berrien Springs, MI



Activities - Scout Nights

SCOUT NIGHTS!



Chicago Cubs vs Los Angeles Dodgers

Sunday, May 5 | 1:20 PM | Wrigley Field
Ticket includes an honorary 2024 Scout patch.

CUBS TICKETS



Chicago Fire vs Columbus Crew

Saturday, May 18 | 7:30 PM | Soldier Field
Ticket includes an honorary 2024 Scout patch.

FIRE TICKETS



Schaumburg Boomers

VS Washington Wild Things
Friday, June 21 | 6:30 PM | Wintrust Field

VS Windy City Thunderbolts
Friday, July 12 | 6:30 PM | Wintrust Field

VS Gateway Grizzlies
Saturday, August 3 | 6:30 PM | Wintrust Field

Ticket includes a reserved seat, meal voucher, and Scout patch. Upgrade your ticket to campout on the field! S'mores, movies, & breakfast included!

BOOMERS TICKETS



Chicago White Sox vs Seattle Mariners

Saturday, July 27 | 6:15 PM | Guaranteed Rate Field
The first 1,000 purchasers will receive a 2024 Scout Day Patch along with the opportunity to participate in a Pregame Parade.

SOX TICKETS

Camping

Scouts BSA Summer Camp at Owasippe

At Owasippe, the waterfront beckons with thrilling water sports like skiing, tubing, and boating. Feeling daring? Our high adventure posts are your ticket to ziplining through the treetops and testing your fortitude on thrilling C.O.P.E. courses. For those who love tradition, there's Scoutcraft and Handicraft, as well as a multitude of merit badges to earn. And don't forget our Diamond O Ranch, where you can saddle up and explore the wilderness on horseback! Feeling crafty? The Flintlock Village is your chance to test your blacksmithing and handiness, creating unique keepsakes that you can cherish forever. And for those with a need for speed, we have ATVs and mountain biking to get your heart racing. So, grab your gear, rally your fellow Scouts, and answer the call of adventure at Owasippe!

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2024 SESSIONS

- Session 1: June 16 - June 22, 2024
- Session 2: June 23 - June 29, 2024
- Session 3: June 30 - July 6, 2024
- Session 4: July 7 - July 13, 2024
- Session 5: July 14 - July 20, 2024
- Session 6: July 21 - July 27, 2024
- Session 7: July 28 - August 3, 2024

2024 FEES

- Scouts:**
 - \$385 (Before May 15, 2024)
 - \$400 (After May 15, 2024)
- Adult:** \$200
- Adult Visitor:** \$30 per day
- Saturday Early Arrival:** \$100



Click Here for a Sneak Peek of Camp!



Camping

Cub Scout Resident Camp at Owasippe

At Owasippe Cub Scout Resident Camp, Scouts will get to enjoy the outdoors like never before and see what's to come when they transition into Scouts BSA. Picture yourself diving into a refreshing pool, mastering your aim in target sports, getting hands-on with STEM activities, discovering the wonders of the outdoors and wildlife, all while bonding with friends and creating memories. Secure your spot today!

Parents & Family! Join your Scouts during their session and stay at Reneker Family Camp! Scroll down for more information.



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2024 SESSIONS

Session 1: July 28 - July 31
Open to ALL ranks

Session 2: July 31 - August 3
WEBELOS/AOL only

2024 FEES

Scouts:
\$185 (Before June 15, 2024)
\$210 (After June 15, 2024)

Adults:
\$125 (Before June 15, 2024)
\$150 (After June 15, 2024)

2024 Day Camp: Cub Scout Games!

Calling all Cub Scouts, family, and friends! Make the most of your summer with Cub Scout Day Camp! We are offering multiple Saturdays to enjoy the outdoors with us at a location near you. Expect many exciting themed activities, crafts, target and range sports, and games! **Athletic Challenges**
• **Relay Races** • **Creative Engineering** • **Arts & Crafts** • **Outdoor Games**
• **Team Sports** • **Target & Range Sports** *Activities Vary By Location*



2024 SESSIONS

- Munster, IN - June 1
- Orland Park, IL - June 8
- Burr Ridge, IL - June 15
- Oak Lawn, IL - June 22
- Chicago, IL - June 29
- Schaumburg, IL - August 3
- Park Ridge, IL - August 10

2024 FEES

Scouts, Siblings, Friends: \$35
Adults: Free!

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Camping

Cub Scout Betz Family Camp

Cub Camping is celebrating its 40th year at Camp Frank S. Betz! Come and join us for the 2024 Cub Scout Family Camp: B.S.A.!! Betz Spy Agency! Cub Scouts will get to experience all the joys of camping and exciting activities with the comfort of their pack. Canoe around Lake Chapin, test your aim with slingshots and archery, do crafts, build things, and enjoy the summer with your friends! Parents, guardians, and siblings are invited to join in on the fun as well!

Group Registration Deadline is May 1 and Early Bird Pricing Ends May 31

2024 FEES

Scouts & Siblings 5-15yrs:
\$95 (Before June 1, 2024)
\$105 (After June 1, 2024)

Adults & Siblings +16yrs:
\$55 (Before June 1, 2024)
\$65 (After June 1, 2024)

Siblings 0-4yrs: Free!

2024 SESSIONS

- Session 1:** June 28 - 30
- Session 2:** July 12 - 14
- Session 3:** July 19 - 21
- Session 4:** July 26 - 28
- Session 5:** August 2 - 4

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Reneker Family Camp AT OWASIPPE

Owasippe's Camp Reneker offers affordable week-long cabin camping for both Scout and non-Scouting families alike! Each cabin includes a full kitchen and two bedrooms, and a central shower house with washroom, shower, and laundry facilities. Our staff-led programs feature age-group activities like hiking, crafting, sports, science experiments, swim instruction, skill development, and service projects.

Have a Scout attending Owasippe? Families can reserve a cabin at Reneker for the week your Scout is at camp and have them join you before or after their session.

2024 SESSIONS

- Session 1:** June 16 - 22
- Session 2:** June 23 - 29
- Session 3:** June 30 - July 6
- Session 4:** July 7 - 13
- Session 5:** July 14 - 20
- Session 6:** July 21 - 27
- Session 7:** July 28 - August 3

2024 FEES

Cabin 6 people max:
\$500 (Before May 1, 2024)
\$550 (After May 1, 2024)

Single Night Rental:
\$100

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Events



Golf Classic

Prepare for an unforgettable day of excitement and impact at PTAC's 2024 Golf Classic. Join us on June 17 at the picturesque White Eagle Golf Club for a day of friendly competition.

This event goes beyond just golf; it's an opportunity to hit the mark in supporting the future of young adventurers actively engaged in our local Scouting programs. The event proceeds will be dedicated to fostering character, leadership, and community engagement in these programs.

Are you or your business interested in attending or sponsoring our Golf Classic event? Please contact Brooke Parker at Brooke.Parker@scouting.org

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Scouting Showcase

Join Pathway to Adventure Council on May 9 at the Des Plaines Rivers Casino for our Scouting Showcase! Be a Scout for the night and have fun at our exciting activity stations and learn about the Scouting program in action. Your support will help create new adventures and opportunities for local Scouts. Don't miss this evening of celebration, networking, and Scouting spirit!

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Order of the Arrow



Betz Fellowship

Join us for the Hollywood Movie themed 2024 Betz Fellowship at Camp Frank S. Betz! We hope to see you on May 3-5 for the first fellowship of 2024! Newly-elected candidates are encouraged to attend to complete their Ordeal and become an official member within the Order of the Arrow. You can be sure to expect plenty of amazing activities like an inflatable obstacle course and a movie character costume contest on top of the cheerful camp service. Make sure to sign up for this red carpet event now!

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Spring Fellowship

The Takhone Lodge Spring Fellowship will be on May 24-27 at Owasippe Scout Reservation! With its theme of the Olympics, this amazing four day long fellowship will include cheerful service, amazing activities and programs, the 2024-25 Takhone Lodge Key 7 Officers elections, and a visit with Medic 4 Teddy, all while preparing one of our council camps for the 2024 summer camp season. We hope to see you there!

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Seal Your Brotherhood in the OA!

If you have been an Ordeal member of Takhone Lodge for more than 6 months, congratulations! You are eligible for Brotherhood! Seal your Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow at the Betz Fellowship (May 3-5), at the Spring Fellowship (May 24-27), or during summer camp at Owasippe Scout Reservation get involved in and deepen your commitment to the Order of the Arrow!

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Recruitment Readiness

May Membership Article

Welcome to your May monthly Membership newsletter article. This month's article will talk about Welcoming your new Scouts, especially those AOL Scouts and their families to your Troop and the importance of how Invitation and Application Manager can supplement your unit's recruitment efforts. Is there a key thread between these two topics? This article will correlate how these two topics will support your Spring Recruitment and Peer-to-Peer Recruitment efforts along with your Webelos-to-Scouts Crossovers, which will be further discussed at your May Roundtables.

Welcoming your new Scouts and their families, no matter your unit type, is an important first step to ease concerns when they participate in their first couple of meetings and outings. What you need to remember is that your new Scouts and their families want to fit in and have a sense of belonging. Remember what it was like when you first joined your unit, including moving from a Pack to a Troop? I bet there was plenty of excitement and a bit of confusion too. There is so much going on, including new acronyms, new meeting formats, new responsibilities and so much to learn for both the youth and their families.

There are many great professionals and volunteers involved in Scouting. Did you understand all the roles and responsibilities of the adults involved? How does a new adult determine where they fit in? I know, I did not when I first joined a Troop, as a youth and an adult. That last question is extremely important as units are always looking to recruit adults for positions in their units. Helping new families feel that sense of belonging, at all unit levels, is the primary role of the New Member Coordinator (NMC). A simple welcome can go a long way to improve your unit's Retention of your Scouts and their families. Additional information is located within NMC training at <https://pathwaytoadventure.org/membership-resources/#training>.

Invitation and Application Managers can be found in "My.scouting" and will support your unit's online recruitment efforts. Use of these Online Tools all starts with a "current & active" BeAScout Pin. Does your BeAScout Pin contain all your unit's current contact information and meeting location? Why is this important? This will tell a parent the basic information when they do an online search looking for a unit in their neighborhood. An active BeAScout Pin will allow the "Manager" system to generate your unit's "QR Code" that can be used on your recruitment materials. A good example would be adding this QR Code can be added to your Peer-to-Peer recruitment cards.

This QR code will help a parent locate your unit, where they will have two different options. They can either "Request More Information", which generates a Lead in Invitation Manager, or they can "Apply Now" which will generate an Application in Application Manager. Application Manager can also be used to Transfer an existing Scout online to a different unit; an example would be an AOL Scout crossing over to a Troop. The use of either system means that family is recruiting your unit.

In Invitation Manager, a "Lead" means a parent is seeking additional information before they decide to join your unit as they are probably new to Scouting. All Leads should be answered within 72 hours. A Lead not answered and closed due to inactivity is a missed opportunity and tells that family that your unit is not interested in their child joining your unit. Remember, you cannot make a second first impression. If your unit has a New Member Coordinator, this adult can monitor and address these Leads, which can help that family to join your unit.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for all your hard work and dedication to ensure our youth and their families can experience a Quality Scouting program. Please remember, a successful recruitment program, for both youth and adults, should be 24/7 as it can take multiple contacts to recruit a new family to join Scouting. Please read future newsletters, visit our Membership Website, and attend your District Roundtables for additional information. If you have any questions, please work with your District Membership Chair, District Executive, and your Unit Commissioner.

**Yours In Scouting,
Rick Romani
PTAC Membership VP**

Council Committees News



PTAC Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

"Scouts need sun, rain and dirt in order to grow." If that doesn't relate to Spring's arrival, I don't know what would!

As we look forward to Summer Camp, S'mores and Advancement I encouraged you to be your best self. Look for opportunities to enrich and enhance not only your unit but yourself and your community. Participate in a parade, try a new ethnic restaurant, socialize with another unit from across town (completely different area) and watch the seeds of change grow.

You will be seeing your District Champion at a Roundtable in the coming months, Welcome them. We are here to support you in your Scouting Journey.

Have a suggestion, comment or need support reach out to us
DEI.Committee@ptacscouting.org

Catholic Committee on Scouting

Join in on the historic Eucharistic Pilgrimage coming through the Chicago area to Indianapolis. Check the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Committee on Scouting website for more information on opportunities to be involved.

<https://chicagocatholicscouting.org/>

Faith Relations Committee

Interfaith Religious Celebrations:

Holy Week - Orthodox April 28 - May 4

Maidozarem Gahambar - Festival of creation of greening - Zoroastrian April 30 - May 4

Ridvan - Celebration of the origin of Baha'u'llah's spiritual principles - Bahá'í May 1

Pasca (Easter) - Orthodox May 5

Buddha's Birthday - Buddhist May 15

Pentecost - Christian May 19

Declaration of the Bab - This day honors

the day that a revelation was sent to Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í Faith. - Baha'í May 23

Lag BaOmer - The day on which the plague that killed Rabbi Akiva's 24,000 disciples came to an end. - Jewish May 26

National Day of Prayer

Kudos to those Scouts that participated in the Scouts Read Sacred Text Worldwide religious event! Be sure to order your patch by May 9th by following the link <https://www.scoutingevent.com/312-SacredPatchOrder>

Career Corner



Become a Pilot

Looking for an exciting, challenging, and rewarding career with great travel benefits? Become a professional airline pilot!

For more information about the piloting profession and how you can get started, go to www.ClearedToDream.org. Cleared to Dream is the resource for students who want to be professional airline pilots.

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Summer Internships with Pace Bus

Interested in joining a great team dedicated to public service? Pace has several summer internships to advance your career in the exciting public transportation industry.

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Construction Industry College Scholarship

Do not miss out on this scholarship opportunity if you are a graduating high school student in PTAC. The application is simple, and it will renew for the winner's four years in college.

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Do You Have A Scout Story 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 feature in our next story.

Help get Scouts the recognition they deserve!

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