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We are approaching our Special Event Fundraising season, read more about our upcoming dinners, sporting events, and networking opportunities. All proceeds go directly to supporting our council programs!

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A NEW addition to our monthly newsletter from our International Scouting Committee. Here you'll find all the happenings in Scouting around the globe! Read more about JOTA JOTI and the World Scout Jamboree.



# Time Trek Camporee



Scouting America  
Pathway to Adventure Council

## TIME TREK CAMPOREE:

JOURNEY THROUGH THE AGES

CAMPOREE  
COUNTDOWN:

19 DAYS

READY TO TAKE A JOURNEY THROUGH  
TIME AT OUR TIME TREK CAMPOREE?

Register now at [www.pathwaytoadventure.org/camporee/](http://www.pathwaytoadventure.org/camporee/)

SIGN UP  
HERE

## Leader/Parent Meeting

Join us at 8pm on Sunday, September 7th to hear from our Council Camporee leadership team about everything you'll need for a smooth event weekend, from check-in to departure and anything else in between!

This webinar will be recorded and published to the Camporee website, but live viewing means you'll have an opportunity to ask specific questions to our staff.

Pre-registration is required: [bit.ly/CamporeeLeaders](https://bit.ly/CamporeeLeaders)

REGISTER HERE

## Camporee Staff

As we put the final pieces together to bring you the best Time Trek Camporee experience, we could use some more staff members during the weekend itself!

Construction, parking, and a few of our special program areas have the most need, but we can match you up elsewhere according to your talents. Register today to claim your spot!

REGISTER HERE

# Awards & Nominations

**Silver Beaver:** Know a Scouter who's gone above and beyond for youth and the community? Nominate them for the Silver Beaver Award — the highest honor a Scouting America council can give a volunteer. This award recognizes exceptional service to youth by registered Scouters across all programs.

**Deadline:** November 24, 2025

**Presented at:** Council Recognition Dinner

**Submit To:** wesley.weems@scouting.org

**FORM HERE**

**Council Alumnus of the Year:** This award honors individuals who keep the Scouting spirit alive — strengthening connections with alumni, excelling in their careers, serving their communities, and promoting Scouting for future generations.

**Deadline:** November 24, 2025

**Presented at:** Council Recognition Dinner

**Submit To:** ptac.nesa@gmail.com

**FORM HERE**

**NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award:** Know an Eagle Scout who has inspired others through a lifetime of service, leadership, and achievement? Nominate them for the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award, which honors Eagle Scouts making a lasting impact at the local, state, regional, or national level.

**Deadline:** November 24, 2025

**Presented at:** Youth Recognition Dinner

**Submit To:** ptac.nesa@gmail.com

**FORM HERE**

**Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award:** This award recognizes valuable service of an exceptional nature by an Eagle Scout candidate. Examples include projects that have benefited underprivileged children, recognized veterans, been international in nature, and have required significant time and resources. Anyone can submit the nomination including the Eagle Scout themselves!

**Deadline:** January 31, 2026

**Presented at:** Youth Recognition Dinner

**Submit To:** ptac.nesa@gmail.com

**FORM HERE**

**Special Needs Scouting Service Award:** Nominations are open for the Special Needs Scouting Service Award. Any registered adult leader or Scouting professional may earn this award by completing requirements related to direct action on behalf of members with special needs and by spreading the ideals of inclusiveness, diversity, and disability awareness in Scouting.

**Deadline:** November 24, 2025

**Presented at:** Council Recognition Dinner

**Submit To:** ptac.advancement@gmail.com

**FORM HERE**

**Torch of Gold Award:** Nominations are open for the Torch of Gold Award. Each year, Pathway to Adventure Council is honored to recognize an individual for providing exceptional service and leadership to Scouts with special needs.

**Deadline:** November 24, 2025

**Presented at:** Council Recognition Dinner

**Submit To:** ptac.advancement@gmail.com

**FORM HERE**

**Venturing Leadership Award:** In order to recognize Venturers and Venturing Advisors who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law, councils, territories, and the BSA National Council may present individuals with the Venturing Leadership Award.

**Deadline:** November 24, 2025

**Presented at:** Youth & Council Recognition Dinner

**Submit To:** ptac.advancement@gmail.com

**FORM HERE**

**For more info, visit  
our awards page:**

**AWARDS PAGE**



# Commissioner's Corner

## Commissioner's Corner

**The World Scout Moot is a world event that brings together young adults from different countries and regions. It promotes inter-cultural exchange, understanding, and friendship. It takes place every four years and is a unique and enriching experience. It's kind of like a jamboree, but it's also so much more.**

"Moot was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience that left a lasting impression on me. Exploring Portugal—from the vibrant streets of Lisbon to the charming towns of Caldas da Rainha and Porto—felt surreal. I spent most of my time in the medieval town of Óbidos, a place rich in history and beauty, known for its ceramics, natural springs, and iconic castle. Everyday was a different adventure in a different place. The atmosphere was magical, and every corner held something new to discover.

What made the experience even more unforgettable were the people I met along the way. Their kindness and warmth made me feel instantly connected, and I carry their presence with me wherever I go. I still find myself talking about them every chance I get. Moot wasn't just my first international event—it was the spark that ignited a deeper passion for global connection, cultural exchange, and personal growth."

### — Emilyn Cabalfin, Scout

"As someone who has worked tirelessly over the last 6 years to promote youth led activities in my Troop, Crew, as NYLT Staff, through the OA, and other various aspects of Scouting, seeing this kind of planning and execution was awe inspiring. It is a true testament to what I learned at Wood Badge: Train them, Trust them, Let them lead. After talking to the Scouts I knew personally and those that I met at Moot, it was amazing to see how much they grew in the short time from arrival to the Closing Show. Upon arrival, most of the Scouts stuck with their home contingents because it was comfortable and what they knew, myself included, especially when the only real common language was Scouting. By the end of the Closing Show, I witnessed Scouts and IST Staff who were reluctant to join their Path or work team, transform into a new Scout family who were all shedding tears because they did not know if and when they would meet again."

### — Jose F. Cabalfin III, Leader and Scout Dad

**Bertha Guzman**  
Council Commissioner



# Recruitment Readiness

## September Membership Article

Welcome to your September monthly Membership newsletter article. As you read this month's Membership article, we know you have been busy preparing for the new school year. During the month of September, your unit should be in execution mode with your recruitment plan. Hopefully, your unit was able to attend and participate in your August Roundtable Kick-off and learn more about this year's recruitment theme ***"Adventure is Calling! – We're Ready, Are You?"*** along with the materials and tools available for your use. If your unit was unable to attend your August Roundtable Kick-off, or have any questions, please work with your District Membership Chair or District Executive to obtain the supplies you need to support your recruitment event.

During the next couple of months, your unit's plan should include hosting a table at your school's open house along with events in your communities and neighborhoods this Fall. All your recruitment events should be advertised by using the multiple tools available, which could include Flyers, Yard Signs, Geo-Fencing, and Customized Videos, to name a few. Another successful form of recruitment is Peer-to-Peer Recruitment, which has a youth recruiting a youth and / or a parent recruiting a parent. All recruitment materials and tools can be found on our PTAC Membership website (<https://pathwaytoadventure.org/unit-resources/recruitment-materials/>).

Again, this year, we offer multiple incentives for our new and existing youth, along with our Packs. The Pack incentive, "Drive For 5", is when a unit Recruits 5 new Scouts over their 3-Yr Rolling Average, has a Registered & Trained New Member Coordinator, holds a Recruitment Event + provide your recruitment date to your District Membership Chair & DE and all new Scouts complete their Bobcat requirements within 60 days. Meet these incentives and our Pack receives Pinewood Derby Cars for all Scouts in the Pack! All new Scouts recruited throughout the year will be included in your Pack's 2024 Drive For 5 Incentive, which runs through December 15th. Starting in early September, all new families who join will receive a Welcome Kit from Council by the end of the month they have joined. This includes those families who joined in July and August.

For our Packs and Troops, we offer Peer-to-Peer incentives (one per youth) for those existing Scouts who recruit a new Scout. In a Troop, a new Scout cannot be a Cub Scout who crosses over to a Troop. For Cub Scouts, a Scout in Kindergarten – 2nd Grade can receive Sunglasses, while those Scouts in 3rd – 5th Grade can either receive an Engraved Pocket Knife or Sunglasses. For Scouts BSA, an existing Scout can receive either an Engraved Pocket Knife or a Gift Certificate to the Scout Shop. Please see your Membership Recruitment Guide for additional details behind these incentives (<https://pathwaytoadventure.org/unit-resources/recruitment-materials/>).

Please continue to address your online Leads and Applications in a timely manner as we will see an increase in online activity as the new school year begins. For your Leads, please respond to those families within 48 to 72 hours and if necessary, follow up with those families within a week if they do not reply to your response. We need to remember, ***"we cannot make a second first impression."*** The purpose behind this lead is that families are actually recruiting your unit as their child wants to join Scouting. This is where your New Member Coordinator can help with following up with these families.

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



# Events & Activities



## Girls Build! Day at CAC

**September 6, 2025, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Admission Free but must register**

We're excited to be part of Girls Build! Day with the @Chicago Architecture Center on September 6! This free, hands-on STEAM festival is designed for girl-identifying youth in grades 6–12 to explore Chicago's built environment, develop design skills, and connect with women who are shaping the future of architecture, engineering, and construction.

From model-building to design challenges, this day is all about creativity, problem-solving, and big ideas, led by real-world designers and educators who want to see the next generation thrive.

**REGISTER HERE**



## We Build! at CAC

**Program will occur over 6 weeks on Sundays starting September 7 1 PM - 5 PM, Admission Free but must register .**

We Build! is a FREE, equity-driven architecture program designed to introduce Chicago area 6th–8th grade students to the world of design and the built environment. Through hands-on projects, place-based learning and culturally responsive instruction, students explore architecture as a tool for community change and creative expression. By centering equity and access, We Build! empowers students of all identities to see themselves as future designers, leaders and problem-solvers.

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## Scout Night - Chicago Stars

Join us on Sunday, September 7 with the Chicago Stars for a special Student Night opened to PTAC Scouts! Stars will be taking on the defending NWSL champion Orlando Pride at the incredible Lakefront Stadium on Northwestern's campus in Evanston. Scouts will get exclusive discounted tickets, participate in exclusive giveaways and a lively Stars Fan Zone featuring: Live DJ, Concessions, Face Painting, Cosmo's Kids Club, Soccer Darts, and Scouts and leaders will have a group photo opportunity on the field!

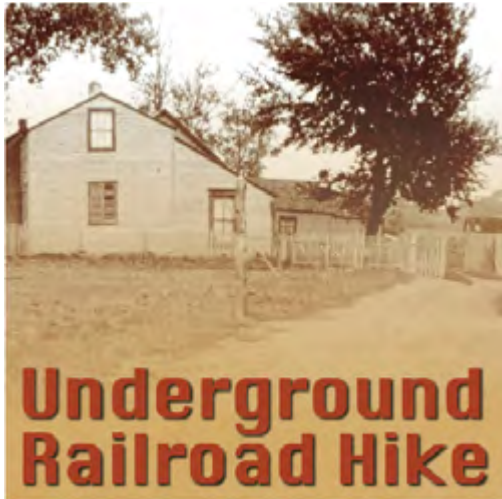
**9/7 TICKETS**

**Chicago Stars vs. Portland Thorns**

Sunday, September 14 | 2:00 PM | SeatGeek Stadium

**9/14 TICKETS**

# Events & Activities



## Underground Railroad Hike

**October 4, 9am-2pm, Sand Ridge Nature Center, 2-6 mile hikes**

Join us for a unique guided hike exploring the Underground Railroad route connected to the Calumet Region during the mid-1800s. This imaginative journey through history will take place at Sandridge Nature Center, with multiple route options ranging from 2 to 6 miles. Registration is strongly encouraged.

**REGISTER HERE**



## Santa's Village Tickets

Looking for affordable family fun this summer?

**Purchase Any-Day General Admission Tickets to Santa's Village Amusement & Water Park for just \$29.99 each with promo code 2025CDP.**

Not sure what day you'll visit? Want the flexibility to change your plans with no extra costs? This deal is perfect for you! These tickets are valid any operating day from May to October; no need to pick your date in advance.

Don't miss out on this exclusive discount!

**BUY TICKETS HERE**



## Recycle with Ronald

We're bringing back our recycling partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities and United Scrap Metal! Recycled aluminum amounts to tens of thousands of dollars for RMHC each year. You are making it possible for families to stay close to their children while they are in the hospital.

**Here's how to participate:**

- Collect pop tabs in gallon containers or aluminum cans in garbage bags
- Drop them off on Friday, October 18 between 9AM-2PM
- United Scrap Metal, 1545 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL 60804

If you drop off your collection on October 18, all participants get a free facility tour, free food, and access to 25+ 3D model stations and onsite 3D printing—plus you'll learn how metal is recycled and help support families in need. Earn a patch for your good turn and help make a difference in our community!

**SAVE THE DATE**



# Events & Activities



**CHICAGO  
THANKS  
GIVING  
PARADE**  
WHERE GRATEFUL HEARTS GATHER

## Chicago Thanksgiving Parade

On Thursday, November 27, Pathway to Adventure Council Scouts are invited to participate in the Chicago Thanksgiving Day Parade! If you would like to showcase Scouting in our communities and walk with our float.

Please RSVP by October 1 to Dan Chachakis, Calumet District Activities Chair, at 708-668-5389 or [dchachak@prodigy.net](mailto:dchachak@prodigy.net).

**MORE INFO HERE**



## 2026 National Jamboree

Scouts and Venturers across Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana will travel together to the 2026 National Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve to experience an adventure of a lifetime!

We still have space for both youth and adult leader participants and would love to have you join. Visit the registration page for more information on getting signed up and who to go for with any questions!

**REGISTER HERE**



## National Youth Leadership Training 2026 - Save the Date

Save the date for our 2026 National Youth Leadership Training courses at Camp Betz! We will host two sessions: June 7-12 and June 14-19. Registration opening soon!

**SAVE THE DATE**



# Events & Activities



## Chicago Federation of Labor - Mexican Independence Day Parade

Join the Chicago Federation of Labor and the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) as we march in the 26th Street Mexican Independence Day Parade to celebrate Mexican music, dance, food and culture. The parade is the largest of its kind in the Midwest and annually attracts over 500,000 participants, residents, and visitors.

**When: Sunday, September 14 at 12 p.m.**

**Where: Step off at 26th and Kedzie in Little Village**

**REGISTER HERE**



## W.O.W. Weekend

Calling all Webelos, Arrow of Light Scouts and Scouts BSA!

Join us for an exciting outdoor adventure designed to help Scouts explore the next step in their journey. This is the perfect chance to connect with local troops and experience what Scouts BSA has to offer! Check out the rock climbing wall, BMX pump track, BB Guns AND MORE!

**Camp Sol R Crown, 10/10 - 10/12 (Webelos and AOL Scouts check in on 10/11).**

**REGISTER HERE**



## North Area Cub Scout Fishing Derby

**Saturday, September 6, 2025, 9:00am-1:00pm, Maple Lake, Grove #1**

Join fellow Scouts from the Checaugau, Portage Creek, Tall Grass, and Iron Horse districts for a day of fishing, fun, and friendly competition! Scouts will work toward their Fishing Adventure requirements, learning about fishing & water safety, choosing fishing spots & identifying fish, bait & lure selection, and knot tying & casting. \$10 per Scout.

**REGISTER HERE**

# Popcorn



## Still Time to Register!

### Have you considered selling online only?

Popcorn sales are a powerful way for units to raise the funds they need for registrations, uniforms, camp, and more. And if you're not ready for full participation, try Online-Only Selling!

- No product handling—no pick-up, storage, or sorting
- No money collection—safe, secure online payments
- No delivery logistics—products ship straight to customers
- Earn at least 30% commission on every sale
- Scouts still qualify for prizes and incentives

It's simple: register your unit in the Pecatonica River Popcorn system, set up Scout profiles, and share your unique links with friends, family, and neighbors. Even a few orders can make a difference!

## HOW TO REGISTER

## First Sale Quest Due Sept. 15!

Make your very first popcorn sale before Sept. 15 and you'll earn an entry into our Popcorn Quest drawing for a \$100 Amazon gift card! The winner will be announced on September 18, so stay tuned!

Get ready to make that first sale count!

## QUEST SUBMISSION

## September Dates

- **Monday, September 8** Re-order #1 due in popcorn system by noon
- **Friday, September 12** Re-order product pick up at assigned District location
- **Monday, September 15** First sale quest due in google form by noon
- **Monday, September 22** Re-order #2 due in popcorn system by noon
- **Friday, September 26** Re-order product pick up at assigned District location
- **Monday, September 29** Online sale quest due in google form by noon

## PTAC POPCORN PAGE





# Scout Stories

## Japan Scouts Visit PTAC

20 Years of Friendship: Japanese Scouts Visit Owasippe & Chicago

August 2025 — PTAC recently welcomed Scouts from Japan for a two-week cultural exchange blending classic Scouting with big-city adventure, celebrating two decades of friendship.

The visiting Scouts, ages 14–18, began at Owasippe Scout Reservation, camping alongside PTAC Scouts for a week. They enjoyed swimming, archery, hiking, campfires, and merit badge activities, while sharing Japanese Scouting customs, songs, and games.

Next, they spent three days in downtown Chicago, staying at Roosevelt University and visiting Millennium Park, the Art Institute, and the Chicago Riverwalk. They also explored Indiana Dunes National Park, hiking with a park volunteer and relaxing at the beach—complete with photos laughing with Lake Michigan lifeguards.

City highlights included:

- A Chicago Cubs game at Wrigley Field, with a special on-field photo
- Sailing on Lake Michigan with Sea Scouts Ship 5111, learning navigation skills
- Sampling Chicago hot dogs & deep-dish pizza while riding the CTA

Scouts from both countries shared meals, stories, and laughs, strengthening global bonds. “This wasn’t just a trip. It was the continuation of a relationship that started over 20 years ago,” said a PTAC leader.

PTAC and its partners will continue this tradition, alternating between hosting in the U.S. and visiting Japan, promoting leadership, understanding, and lifelong friendships.

Thank you to all the volunteers, leaders, Scouts, and partners who made this exchange possible!



## Do You Have A Scout Story To Share?

**SHARE HERE!**

# Scout Stories

## Honor Flight Chicago

Cub Scouts from Thunderbird Pack 773 attended Honor Flight #124 on 8/20 at Midway Airport. In little under an hour, the Scouts welcomed home 110 Veterans with smiles, signs, thank-you's, handshakes and hugs, too! The Scouts learned the importance of showing gratitude especially for our Veterans.

On August 20, Cub Scouts from Thunderbird Pack 773 gathered at Midway Airport to welcome home 110 Veterans on Honor Flight #124. With smiles, signs, and plenty of gratitude, our Scouts showed their appreciation and learned the importance of honoring those who served!



## Tollway Trailblazers

Give it up for Scout Troop 778 and Cub Scout Pack 3778 who joined the Illinois Tollway at the Bud Billiken Parade to support the Tollway Trailblazers initiative!

Through fun, hands-on activities, Tollway Trailblazers aims to inspire the next generation of leaders in STEAM careers.

We're proud that our Scouts are exploring opportunities like STEAM Scouts and Scout Tech, which introduce young learners to the world of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math and show how these skills connect to exciting real-world opportunities.



## Do You Have A Scout Story To Share?

**SHARE HERE!**



# Special Fundraising Events



## LaSalle Street

**September 10 | 5:30 – 8:30pm**  
**Wintrust Bank | 231 South LaSalle Street**

Join us for an evening of connection, inspiration, and giving back to the movement that helps young people discover Chicago's financial district. You can expect exciting Pinewood Derby racing at the iconic and historic Wintrust Bank lobby as you enjoy libations and food stations that will fuel your competitive spirit.

Come for the networking and stay for the race! Expect 3 hours of open bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and live music!

**MORE INFO HERE**



## Golf Classic

**October 6 | Registration 9am | Shotgun Start 11am**  
**White Eagle Golf Club | 3400 Club Drive, Naperville**

Don't miss this opportunity to golf at an exclusive private golf and country club in the Chicago area! All friends & family of Scouting are welcome!

A variety of sponsorships are available, perfect for individuals, companies, and community partners looking to make an impact. All proceeds benefit local Scouting programs!

**MORE INFO HERE**



## Construction Industry Scout Event

**October 9 | VIP Reception 4:30pm | Doors Open 5:00pm**  
**City Hall / Recess | 838 West Kinzie Street**

Forget the formal dinner — we're taking this year's event to City Hall/ Recess in Chicago's West Loop!

• Craft Cocktails • Chef-Driven Food Stations • Nonstop Networking

Come connect with construction industry professionals, eat, drink, and celebrate Scouting in style!

**MORE INFO HERE**

# Special Fundraising Events



## Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Awards Dinner

**October 22 | VIP Reception 6pm | Doors Open 6:30pm**  
**The Ivy Room At Tree Studios | 12 East Ohio Street # 100**

This award is presented in recognition of outstanding community service in the development and implementation of opportunities for youth from disadvantaged communities.

### 2025 Honorees:

- U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth of Illinois
- Simon Cotton, Sr., Scoutmaster, Troop 778
- Donovan Pepper, Walgreens
- Tyronne Stoudemire, Hyatt Corporation

**MORE INFO HERE**

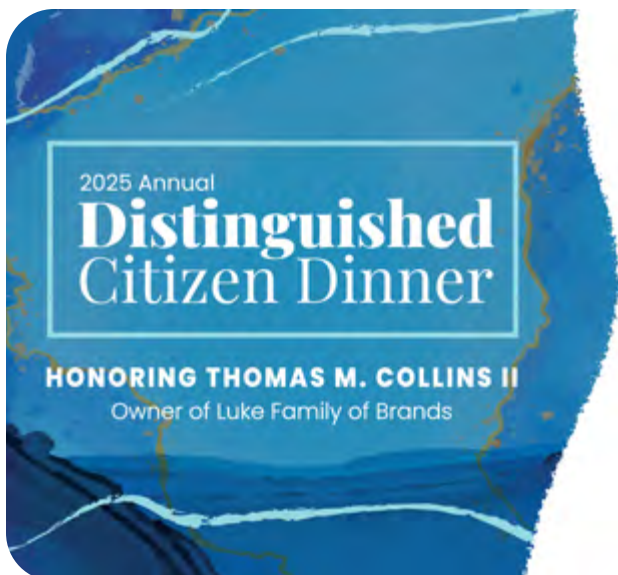


## George Meany Celebration

**November 20 | 6pm**  
**IUOE Local 399 | 2260 South Grove Street**

Join us as we honor Patrick J. Kelly, President And Business Manager, International Union Of Operating Engineers Local 399, for his contributions to labor and unions. Enjoy drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and the camaraderie of fellow union supporters as we celebrate the strength and solidarity of our community and the Scouting movement.

**MORE INFO HERE**



## Indiana Distinguished Citizen Dinner

**November 12 | 6 - 8:30pm**  
**Center for Visual & Performing Arts | 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, IN**

For 35 years, PTAC has honored top leaders in Northwest Indiana at the annual Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner. This year, we recognize Thomas M. Collins II, Owner of Luke Family of Brands, for his dedication to service, community, and youth development. All proceeds from this event benefit local Scouting programs.

**MORE INFO HERE**



# Special Fundraising Events

## Harp Twins Ft. Wolfgang Twins - Benefiting Special Needs Scouting

**December 16th - 7P - 9P, Oak Lawn Park District Community Theatre**

Join the Harp Twins for a family-friendly concert full of magical winter music, Christmas classics, comedy, stories, and classic rock favorites – and you won't want to miss the show finale featuring Wolfgang Twins on double drums! Free meet & greet with the Harp Twins and Wolfgang Twins immediately following the concert.

**REGISTER HERE**



# CONCERT



**OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT THEATER**  
**4625 W. 110TH STREET, OAK LAWN IL 60453**

**[HTTPS://SCOUTINGEVENT.COM/456-HARP\\_TWINS](https://scoutingevent.com/456-harp_twins)**



**DECEMBER**  
**16**

**TUESDAY**  
**7 PM**

**\$30 ADULTS**  
**\$25 YOUTH**



# Training



## Wood Badge

Wood Badge is a comprehensive leadership course, tailored to help Scouters grow their skills far beyond basic Scouting knowledge with techniques applicable in their Scouting, work, and home life. **The next PTAC Wood Badge course will be held at Camp Betz over two weekends: April 10-12 and April 25-26, 2026.**

For adult leaders ready to push their comfort zone and engage in this meaningful leadership journey, Wood Badge is waiting! To learn more – including information about scholarships, testimonials from past participants, and how to register – visit the Wood Badge website today.

**REGISTER HERE**

## Okpik

Keep outdoor fun alive all 12 months of the year!

This train the trainer program will give you the knowledge and materials to conduct cold weather activities and camping for your units. This is a hands-on experience where you will learn from experienced cold weather campers and develop skills to lead safe & fun cold weather campouts. There are 3 classroom sessions and 1 practical camping weekend. Open to adults and youth who are at least 14 years old and First Class rank.

**REGISTER HERE**





# Order of the Arrow



## Recently Elected To The OA?

Congratulations on your election to the Order of the Arrow! We hope you are as excited as we are that you are about to join our lodge! We know it can be difficult to navigate your ordeal weekend, so we have put together some resources and information for you on our website. Visit [www.oa7.org/ordeal](http://www.oa7.org/ordeal) for some information on how to complete your induction!

**MORE INFO HERE**



## Fall Betz Fellowship

We will see you from September 5-7 for the final fellowship of the year! Come out and complete your ordeal, earn your brotherhood, or just have a great time with fellow Arrowmen!

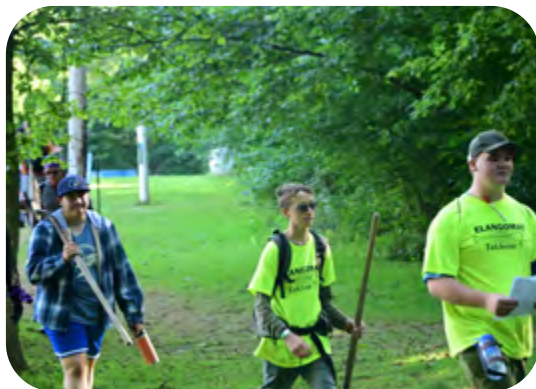
**REGISTER HERE**



## OA Service Corps at Camporee

Takhone Lodge will be volunteering to staff camporee on September 22nd and 23rd! Concessions, high adventure, an obstacle course, and an escape room will be staffed by arrowmen. If you're an arrowmen interested in staffing check out our website for more information.

**REGISTER HERE**



## Brotherhood Opportunities

If it has been at least six months since you have completed your ordeal, you are eligible for Brotherhood membership in the Order of the Arrow! Brotherhood will be available at the Fall Fellowship. For those who can't make it then, on October 4th we will be hosting a brotherhood bash at Izaak Walton Preserve, Homewood, IL. Register here!

**REGISTER HERE**

# Order of the Arrow

📅 OCTOBER 24-25



Cheerful service leading to unforgettable frights for almost thirty years!

## Haunted Hollow American Folklore

Takhone Lodge is excited to announce our 30th annual Haunted Hollow. The Haunted Hollow is our version of a Haunted House. This year's theme is "American Folklore". Order of the Arrow members throughout the lodge decorate tents and guide participants through an approximately 45 minute journey. We offer fright-free options for some of our younger participants as well as an extra-scary option for our older participants. **This year's Hollow will be held on Friday & Saturday, October 24th and 25th at 9201 W. Higgins Road, in Rosemont.**

We will also have concessions available to purchase. You can find out more information at [HauntedHollow.org](http://HauntedHollow.org). We ask that you share this information with your unit and their families. Bring out your Pack, Troop, Crew or Ship or invite your family and friends. **If you have any questions you can reach out at [info@hauntedhollow.org](mailto:info@hauntedhollow.org).**

Takhone Lodge is Pathway to Adventure Council's local branch of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's Honor Society. The Haunted Hollow is our largest annual fundraiser. Proceeds from the event go directly back into our local Scouting program by donating needed supplies and equipment to our council camps and to subsidize programs for our local Scouts.

## Schedule:

**Friday Regular** 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

**Friday Extra Scary** 9:30 - 10:30

**Saturday Fright Free** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Saturday Regular** 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM

**Saturday Extra Scary** 9:30 - 10:30

## Pricing:

**Weekend Pass:** \$29

**General admission:** \$15

**Scout discounted admission:** \$13

**Patch and glowstick add on:** \$5

**Use the code "HauntedScout25" for discounted scout tickets.**

Discounts are only valid for tickets purchased in advance.

**REGISTER HERE**



# Council Committees News

## Faith Relations Committee

### Upcoming Events

- Council Camporee! September 20, 2025 Stop by our table at the Midway on Saturday to learn about your faith's Religious Emblems and pick up a little gift. Attend the Interfaith Vespers service before your dinner on Saturday at 5:15pm and join other Scouts celebrating their faith.
- September 27, 2025 Day of Recollection for Catholic Scouts in Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII Religious Emblems. (Choose one day only.) [Sign up here](#)
- October 1, 2025 Applications are due for the July 1-18, 2026 Catholic St. George Trek at Philmont Scout Ranch- [More information](#) and [Archdiocese of Chicago Application](#). Not sure if you are interested? Take a look and contact Fr Guilfoil via email to discuss.
- October 4, 2025 -Fishers of Men fishing event at Mundelein Seminary presented by the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Committee on Scouting. Open to Catholic scouts of all ages. Space is limited, register early. [More information](#)
- October 25, 2025 Day of Recollection for Catholic Scouts in Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII Religious Emblems. (Choose one day only.) [Sign up here](#)

### September Religious Holidays

[View Here](#). Please research further into each faith's celebrations to have a better understanding of what your fellow scouts celebrate.

### Scouts and Neighborhood Religious Activities

If your scouts are participating in local Religious Activities or receiving religious awards, please send a short write up to [ptacfaithrelations@gmail.com](mailto:ptacfaithrelations@gmail.com) along with a picture for use in a future article.

### The 12th Point

As the 12th point of the Scout law states; A Scout is reverent. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed the following religious emblems programs. Scouting America has approved these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. [Religious Emblem Chart](#)



George N, Tiger Scout in Pack 105, earned his Jesus & Me religious emblem after participating in the PRAY program through Community Christian Church-Lincolnshire. George decided to participate in the program after learning the meaning of Lent in the Christian faith. He decided rather than give up candy or video games he would rather spend

extra time learning more about God and Jesus through the PRAY program. Each week of Lent focused on a different characteristic of Jesus and George learned how to recognize those characteristics (Storyteller, Friend, Teacher, & Healer) in himself and others. (Note the cool medal above his left pocket.) Congrats George!

## DEI Comittee

### "A smile is a welcomed sight that invites people in"

Scouting America, PTAC is a program for all that are interested. Our programs are FUN, engaging, thoughtful and creative so let's welcome those that wonder what Scouting is all about.

Join an initiative that brings passion and joy to those whom participate, whose spark engages curiosity and wonder.

# Council Committees News

## International Scouting Committee



### **SAVE THE DATE: JOTA-JOTI & World Scout Jamboree Info Night! Council-Wide Zoom Call**

**Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 7:00 PM (Central), Online via Zoom**

**What's Happening?** JOTA-JOTI 2025 - The world's largest digital Scouting event is happening October 17-19, 2025. Connect with Scouts from more than 150 countries through radio and the internet!

World Scout Jamboree 2027 in Poland. Get the latest updates on this once-in-a-lifetime global Scouting adventure.

Guest Speaker - Bill McKinney, Head of the USA Contingent Management Team for the 2027 Jamboree. This is your chance to learn about the opportunities to participate—whether as a Scout, leader, or part of the International Service Team.

Come to the call to hear how you can take part and stay informed!



### **JOTA JOTI**

**October 17-19, 2025**

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) is an annual International Scouting event sponsored by the World Organization of the Scout Movement that connects Scouts with the use of amateur radio and the internet. The event is held on the third full weekend of October each year. Scouts gather from around the world to learn about other cultures and Scouting activities in other countries. These jamborees which attract almost 2 million Scouts from over 170 countries, require no travel and create an opportunity to have a valuable international Scouting experience...

**Register now for JOTA-JOTI: [www.jotajoti.info](http://www.jotajoti.info)**

**JOTA JOTI PAGE**

### **26th World Scout Jamboree**

**Gdańsk, Poland: July 30, 2027 – August 8, 2027**

The World Scout Jamboree is one of the largest outdoor educational events for youth on the planet! Tens of thousands of Scouts from all over the world come together to camp outdoors and join in fun activities where they make new friends, learn about other cultures, and develop leadership skills that will last a lifetime. This event is open to Scouts between the ages of 14 and 17 from all 176 Member Organizations.

Bravely is the motto of Jamboree inspires courage, collaboration, and engagement. This motto holds particular significance in Poland, especially in Gdańsk, a city renowned for its association with the historic Solidarity movement. In Gdańsk, let's be inspired to make a change and take action for our environment!

**WORLD JAMBOREE**







## 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!

**SHARE HERE!**

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