

Monthly Newsletter



OCTOBER, 2025

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Know a Scouter or Scout who deserves recognition for their exemplary service to Scouting? Read more about the various awards and nominations that honor those who make our program possible.

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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".

Council Monthly

Council Impact Meeting

Council Impact Meetings will resume on October 4th in La Grange Park at 8:30am-12pm!

All are welcome: Scouters, leaders, parents, and professionals. At this meeting, we will introduce Dr. Mitchell, our new Council President, share key information about council programs, and hold several topic-specific breakout sessions. We hope to see you there!

MORE INFO HERE

Camp Betz Needs Camp Masters!

The Camp Betz Camp Master Corps is a group of adult volunteers that oversee the use of Camp Betz, and we are looking for more volunteers.

The purpose of a Camp Master is to reach out to units before their weekend, check their arrival time and prepare them with necessary pre-arrival information. On Friday, the Camp Master opens camp and gets ready to greet them. Camp Masters assist units when needed, making sure all facilities are in working order, like lights, furnaces, and bathrooms. They check units out on Sunday and secure the camp before leaving. They also supply coverage during our training programs throughout the year, like Wood Badge, NYLT, OKPIK and Family Camp. The Camp Master is the first line of security for the camp and campers. This means you are the eyes and ears of the camp, on the lookout for any potential problems. Once all units are checked in, you are more or less "on call" - free to relax in Anderson Lodge or enjoy the beauty of Camp Betz until/unless a unit needs assistance.



Camp Masters should be available to be at camp on Friday before campers arrive – usually around 3 pm. As the last person to leave on Sunday, they should expect to stay until at least noon.

We encourage Camp Masters to volunteer for at least a few weekends a year. Online training is available that explains all the duties and procedures, and an experienced fellow Camp Master will show you the ropes when your first weekend comes.

For more information and to sign up, contact Mo Potempa, The Camp Master Chairperson at mopotempa@comcast.net

EMAIL HERE

Territory 6 Venturing Conference

Come to the Territory 6 Venturing Conference. Meet up with Venturers from other units, and other councils. Informative training sessions will be held as well.

January 10, 2026 – 9am-3pm – Oak Brook Park District, 1450 Forest Gate Rd.

Youth \$40 – Adults \$50

Save the Date! Registration coming soon.



Commissioner's Corner

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Time Trek Camporee: A Weekend to Remember at the Sandwich County Fairgrounds

On September 20, 2025, Scouts and families from across our council—and even from surrounding councils—gathered at the Sandwich County Fairgrounds for the much-anticipated Time Trek Council Camporee. The event was nothing short of a spectacular success, thanks to the dedication, creativity, and hard work of the Camporee Committee and volunteer staff.

From the moment Scouts arrived, the energy was electric. The program was packed with exciting activities designed for all ages, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Highlights included the giant Light Bright, thrilling Escape Rooms, inclusive Special Needs activities, hands-on STEM challenges, and of course, the always-popular snack concession stand, which kept participants fueled and happy throughout the day.

The Time Trek Camporee not only delivered fun and adventure but also created lasting memories for Scouts and families. Its success is a testament to the staff's commitment to excellence and their passion for providing the best possible Scouting experience.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to the entire Council Camporee Staff and volunteers for knocking it out of the park. Your efforts made this Camporee truly unforgettable and a shining example of what Scouting is all about!

PTAC Council Impact Meeting

Council Impact meeting is a gathering for all levels of leadership to foster communication, share updates, increase transparency, and encourage teamwork across the entire council to strengthen the program for youth. Please join us at the next Impact meeting:

October 4, 2025
8:30am to 12pm
Plymouth Place
315 N. LaGrange Rd
La Grange Park, IL 60526

Bertha Guzman
Council Commissioner



Recruitment Readiness

October Membership Article

Welcome to your October monthly Membership newsletter article. As you read this month's Membership article, we know you are busy kicking off the 2025 / 2026 Scouting Season in your unit. This article touches on 3 topics, **Welcoming and Acclimating your new Scouts and their families to your unit, Working your Online Leads and Applications along with monthly Membership Renewal.** While these 3 topics support both Recruiting and Retention, there is another theme associated with these topics which is "Leave No Scout or Families Behind". Having a registered and trained New Member Coordinator (NMC) in your unit plays a key role in all 3 of these topics.

Parents want their children to have fun, but that might not be their primary consideration. When talking with your parents, please "actively listen" to hear their concerns. Each parent could have a slightly different concern, but everyone's main concern will be "Fitting In" within your unit. What are the typical questions or concerns a new family might have when joining a Pack, Troop, Crew or Ship, especially if the parents didn't grow-up in Scouting? These questions and concerns can also exist if you have Scouts and their families who cross over from a Pack to a Troop, or transfer from another unit, as this is a whole new experience. Please take a moment to reflect on what it was like for you and your family when you first joined your unit. This reflection can help you better understand and address those questions and concerns of your new Scouts and their families.

One reason why your new families might want to leave your unit could be related to a Lack of Communication, especially if nobody ever called or emailed after an online application or lead, or a Lack of Onboarding information. Please remember, parents want organized, purposeful activities with trained leaders as they believe this will enhance their child's life. New members, both youth and adult want to "Fit In" and have a sense of belonging. These first few weeks in the unit can make the difference between staying or leaving. This approach can lead to increased retention of your youth and adults, along with parental involvement, which can help your unit grow.

Next month, your Membership article will focus on why a new or existing Scout, and their family joined your unit and why they might leave. Understand this "WHY", will better help your unit retain your Scouts and their families as they want to be "Seen, Heard and Included".

Please remember that Membership Renewal is an ongoing monthly process throughout the entire year. If your unit has any members in their "Lapse Period," your District or Unit Commissioner, District Membership Chair, District Chair and / or your DE will be reaching out to you asking, **"How Can We Help."** The purpose of this contact is to assist our units to ensure that no Scout or Scouter was inadvertently dropped off your roster.

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, whether with a phone call or email, 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 and retention program, for both youth and adults, should be 24/7 as we need to keep in contact with all our families, new and existing, throughout the entire year. 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

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

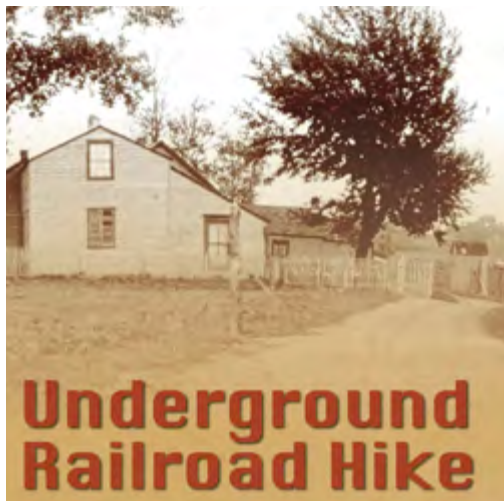
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FORM HERE

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

AWARDS PAGE

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



We Build! at CAC

**Program will occur over 6 weeks on Sundays through October 12
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.

EVENT PAGE



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

Events & Activities



Chicago Toy & Game Fair

The Chicago Toy & Game Fair is back Nov. 8–9 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont! Try out the newest toys and games before they hit stores, join tournaments and inventor challenges, and dive into interactive exhibits the whole family will love. The Scouts will even have a 40 foot long Pinewood Derby Track, and you can build your own car!

Scouts in uniform get FREE admission!

Saturday, Nov. 8 | 10 AM–6 PM

Sunday, Nov. 9 | 10 AM–5 PM

REGISTER 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



Ronald McDonald
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Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana

Scouting America
Pathway to Adventure Council



RECYCLE WITH RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES!

Earn a patch and do a good turn
for the environment while helping
the Ronald McDonald House
Charities in our backyard!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

9am - 1pm | United Scrap Metal
Recycling Plant

Your recycled aluminum amounts to tens of thousands of dollars for RMHC each year. Your hard work provides hundreds of 'family nights' across five Chicagoland Ronald McDonald Houses® and three Ronald McDonald Family Room®. You are making it possible for families to stay close to their children while they are in the hospital.



WHAT TO EXPECT:

Touch-A-Truck Experience • School of Rock Performance • Pumpkin Patch
Learn how Metal is Recycled • 3D Printing • Free Food

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

Show n' Sell Due Oct. 13!

Have a Show n' Sell during 9/25-10/13 and you'll earn an entry into our Popcorn Quest drawing for a \$100 Amazon gift card! The winner will be announced on October 16, so stay tuned!

QUEST SUBMISSION

October Dates

- **Monday, October 6** Re-order #3 due in popcorn system by noon
- **Saturday, October 11** Re-order product pick up at assigned District location
- **Monday, October 13** Show-n-Sell quest due in google form by noon. Participate in a Show-n-Sell during 9/25-10/13 to earn entry to win amazon gift card
- **Saturday, October 18** Council swap (Locations TBD)
- **Sunday, October 26** Return day for all units
- **Monday, October 27** Place final order in popcorn system
- **Monday, October 27** Blitz quest due in google form by noon. Scouts will receive one entry for every \$100 they sell during 10/9-10/27

PTAC POPCORN PAGE



Scout Stories

Time Trek Camporee

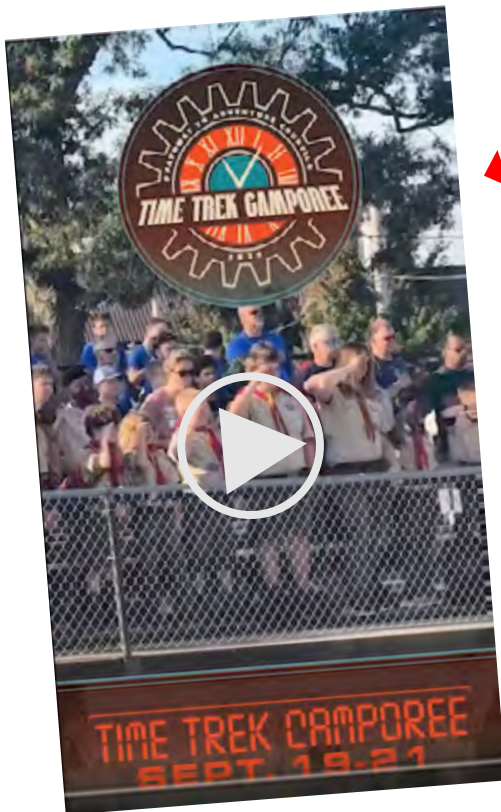
Over 2,000 participants and 400 volunteers made for one unforgettable weekend at our 2025 Time Trek Camporee!

Scouts got to explore eras across time and space through endless activities and challenges — rain or shine our Scout spirit never wavered!

Thank you to our families, Scouts, leaders, council committees, community partners, vendors, camp staff, professional staff, Order of the Arrow, Sandwich fairgrounds staff, neighbors, friends, and every single volunteer who made this event possible.

Thank you for spending your weekend with us — we can't wait to see you at the next Scouting adventure!

Check out our photo album from the weekend, and share your photos with us! <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCuVW8>



Recap
Video!



Do You Have A Scout Story To Share?

SHARE 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



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

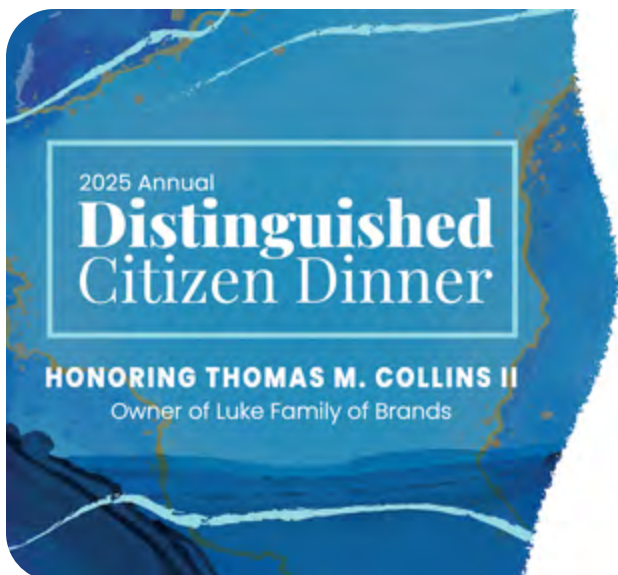


George Meany Celebration

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

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 for some information on how to complete your induction!

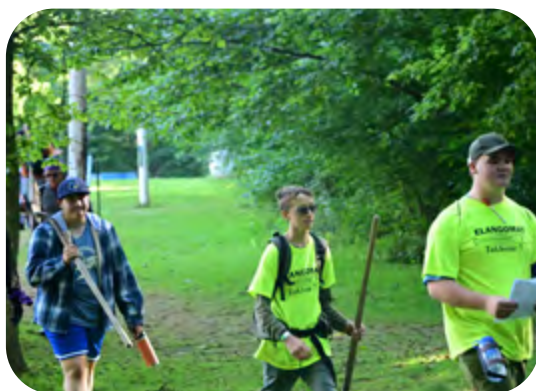
MORE INFO HERE



New Member Palooza

Calling all new Arrowmen! Do you want to get involved with the Order of the Arrow? Yes! Do you want to have fun? Yes! Do you want to have awesome food and drinks, and make friends with fellow arrowmen? Yes! Join the New Member Palooza for Ice Skating at the Rocket Ice Arena in Bolingbrook. It will be on Oct. 11 starting at 1 pm. Registration is \$10, including admission, skate rental and food. We encourage you to bring your own skates if you have them!

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!

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Order of the Arrow

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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. 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.**

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 - 10:00 PM

Friday Extra Scary 10:00 - 10:30

Saturday Fright Free 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Saturday Regular 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Saturday Extra Scary 10:00 - 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

- 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 15, 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 Deb Sitz to discuss.
- 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](#)

October Religious Holidays

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

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](#)

Online Religious Emblem Classes

Online Religious Emblem Classes for any Protestant, Non-Denominational, or Independent Christian youth in any organization, grades Kindergarten through 12th, starting OCTOBER 5th. [Online Class Registration](#)

2025 Virtual Religious Emblems Program

Hosted by Salem in Ballwin United Methodist Church

Open for any youth regardless of involvement in a youth serving agency or Protestant denomination.



Classes will run each Sunday for a designated number of weeks based on the program level. All times are in the central (Chicago) time zone.

Jesus & Me: 5 Weeks, God & Me: 5 Weeks, God & Family: 7 Weeks, God & Church: 8 Weeks, God & Life: 8 Weeks.

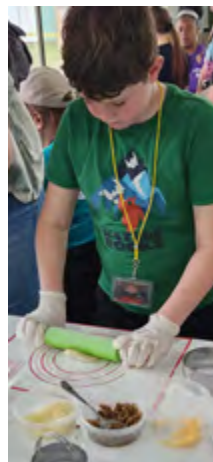
The God & Church Program, and the God & Life Program, will also need to register for a Pastor Review Ticket on January 4th OR 11th.

DEI Committee

We would like to thank all of the participants, volunteers and professionals that made this year's Camporee one for the books!

Scouts had an opportunity to play adaptive bocce ball, join Mama's kitchen and get a taste of culture by making empanadas and practicing their language skills through the interpretive strip.

I hope to see you all bat the Underground Railroad hike on Saturday October 4th!!



Council Committees News

International Scouting Committee



JOTA-JOTI & World Scout Jamboree Info Night! 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!

REGISTER HERE

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

JOTA JOTI PAGE



POLAND 2027

World Scout
26th Jamboree
Scout Mondial



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.

Bravery 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!

Scouting America
Pathway to Adventure Council

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Contact Us



(312) 421-8800



PathwayTo.Adventure@Scouting.org



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Chicago Center for Scouting

106 N. Aberdeen St., Suite 200 | Chicago, IL 60607

La Grange Center for Scouting

27 Calendar Ave., 2nd Floor | La Grange, IL 60525

Robert J. Welsh Center for Scouting

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