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WESTERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL

2023-2024

Program Planning Guide



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[Facebook.com/BSAwestLA](https://www.facebook.com/BSAwestLA)
[Instagram.com/BSAwestLA](https://www.instagram.com/BSAwestLA)
[Tiktok.com/@bsawestla](https://www.tiktok.com/@bsawestla)

Hours of Operation:

9:00am - 3:00pm (Tues-Thurs)
 Closed (Fri-Mon)

Camp Emerald Bay
 Catalina Island, CA
[CampEmeraldBay.org](https://www.CampEmeraldBay.org)

Camp Josepho
 Pacific Palisades, CA
[CampJosepho.org](https://www.CampJosepho.org)

Camp Whitsett
 Kernville, CA
[CampWhitsett.org](https://www.CampWhitsett.org)

Valley Scout Shop

16525 Sherman Way
 Suite C-8 (Rear Door)
 Van Nuys, CA 91406
 818-781-1296

Hours of Operation:

9:30am - 5:00pm (M-F)
 9:00am - 4:00pm (Sat)
 Closed (Sun)

Newhall Scout Shop

24338 Walnut St
 Newhall, CA 91321
 661-284-6330

Hours of Operation:

10:30am - 3:30pm (Wed-Thurs)
 10:30am - 3:00pm (Sat)
 Closed (Sun-Tues, Fri)

1 MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Program is the heart and soul of what we do as Scouts. Through our programs we learn how to prepare for life: help others always, be good citizens, and keep ourselves fit for any circumstance.

Thank you for leading and serving as a volunteer leader with the Western Los Angeles County Council. Over the last year our Scouting family volunteers came together to ensure a vibrant and robust program for the many thousands of youth you are empowered to guide. You have shown our Scouts what resilience looks like and perseverance accomplishes. The Boy Scouts of America remains the premier organization for developing youth into values-based leaders in a safe environment.

Strong

Scouting units start with a strong foundation and the Western Los Angeles County Council seeks to invest in this foundation by providing tools including this Program Planning Guide.

Together

We will continue to develop young people who lead skillfully and overcome obstacles confidently.



Lee Harrison
Scout Executive/CEO
WLACC, BSA



Rick Breithaupt
Volunteer
Council Board President



Larry Kirven
Volunteer Council
Commissioner



2 WHAT IS SCOUTING?

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations, providing programs for young people that build character, train them in the responsibilities of participatory citizenship and develop personal fitness. For more than 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has helped build future leaders by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun.

Scouting Programs & Units

Scouts are organized into various units depending on their age and program. Your unit is chartered to a church, school, or other group in the community (known as a Chartered Organization). This group makes sure your unit has strong volunteer leaders, a place to meet, and relies on your leaders to plan exciting things to do.

Cub Scouts

Boys & Girls Kindergarten through Fifth Grade

Cub Scouts is a year-round family program that develops ethical decision-making skills for youth in kindergarten through fifth grade. Activities emphasize character development, citizenship training and personal fitness. Cub Scouts belong to units called packs. Each pack is divided into smaller groups called dens. A den is a group of about six to eight Cub Scouts in the same grade and of the same gender. Dens allow Scouts to get to know each other and better engage in activities that would be difficult to accomplish in the larger pack meetings. 4th and 5th grade dens participate in more advanced activities that begin to prepare them to advance to Scouts BSA Troops.



Scouts BSA

Boys & Girls age 11-18 (6th through 12th Grade)

Scouts BSA is a year-round program designed to achieve the aims of Scouting through an outdoor program and peer group leadership. Scouts BSA youth are part of a troop. There are girl troops and boy troops, and they function independently (though many linked troops do many activities together), allowing for a gender specific learning environment. Inside the troop, smaller groups, called patrols, are formed and led by the Scouts themselves. Empowering youth to be leaders is what Scouting is all about.



Venturing

Young Men & Women age 14-20 (8th Grade through Early College)

Venturing is a year-round program for young men and women to provide positive experiences through exciting and meaningful youth-run activities that help them pursue their special interests, grow by teaching others, and develop leadership skills.



SEA Scouts

Young Men & Women age 14-20 (8th Grade through Early College)

Sea Scouting is a year-round program for young men and women that promotes better citizenship and improves members' boating skills through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, outdoor, social, service experiences, and knowledge of our maritime heritage. Sea Scouting provides limitless opportunities and exciting challenges that you won't find anywhere else. It is a place to grow and learn, find adventure, and build long lasting friendships.



Exploring

Young Men & Women age 14-20 (8th Grade through Early College)

Exploring is a career education program for young men and women who are between 14 and 20 years old. Exploring is all about helping young adults make more informed decisions about future careers and determining if a particular career is right for them. Through our program, youth will take part in hands-on career experiences in fields they are interested in learning more about.



ABOUT WESTERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL

For more than 100 years, Scouting has helped build future leaders by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun and adventure in the outdoors.

Our Council is led by a Board of Directors made up of Los Angeles' top business and community leaders, a professional staff to provide support for local operations, and local volunteers who donate their time and talent to deliver this life-changing program to our local youth.

WHAT IS A DISTRICT?

The Western Los Angeles County Council is divided into 5 geographic districts and 1 outreach district, that works in underserved communities. Your District is supported by a volunteer District Committee and Council professionals called District Executives that give leadership to your Units on recruiting new Scouts, raising money to continue the Scouting program, training leaders, providing fun activities and coaching volunteer leaders to give you the best Scouting experience.

BSA-LA.org/map-of-districts



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Not able to reach your District Contact? Call the Service Center for help directing your communication at 818-785-8700

District Monthly Meetings:

Antelope Valley:

Roundtable | 1st Tuesday @ 7PM
District Committee Meeting | Varies

Bill hart:

Roundtable | 1st Thursday
District Committee Meeting | 3rd Sunday

crescent bay:

Roundtable | 2nd Thursday @ 7PM
District Committee Meeting | 1st Thursday @ 7PM

Campo de cahuenga:

Roundtable | 2nd Thursday @ 7PM
District Committee Meeting | 1st Thursday @ 7PM

Reyes Adobe:

Roundtable | 2nd Wednesday @ 7PM
District Committee Meeting | 1st Wednesday @ 7PM



3 HOW TO SCOUT

THE IDEAL YEAR OF SCOUTING

Providing a year-round, quality, safe, and fun-filled Scouting program should be the goal of every Scouting Unit. The Ideal Year of Scouting helps you develop an annual program plan, a budget to go along with that plan and a fundraising plan to reach your program goals. The result is a well-managed, well-financed Scouting Unit.

Determine the types of activities your Scouts are interested in. Schedule these programs throughout the year in a way that makes sense for your Unit leadership and attracts new Scouts and families.

After you've planned your programs, identify the costs associated with each event as well as any ongoing costs associated with running the Unit. Itemize these and determine a total cost for the Unit and per Scout. This allows you to fund raise throughout the year with an overall goal in mind. Work with your Unit leadership and District Executive to determine the best fundraisers your youth can participate in to offset the costs of their Ideal Year of Scouting.

TRAINED LEADERSHIP

Trained leaders provide a quality, fun-filled program. When leaders understand the “whys” and “hows” of Scouting, they are more effective in their roles. Trained leaders know how to use the available resources to provide an exciting and worthwhile program for the Scouts. As a result, Scouts receive a program designed to achieve Scouting's aims of citizenship, training, character development and personal fitness.

The “Trained” emblem is available to all adult leaders who have completed required courses for their registered position. It is worn on the left sleeve, below and touching the emblem of leadership for which it was earned.

BSA-LA.org/training

BASIC LEADER TRAINING

Youth Protection Training

Youth Protection Training outlines the policies and practices related to how adults interact with youth as well as how youth are to interact with each other. Youth Protection Training is required for all volunteers and must be taken **every** year. If a volunteer's Youth Protection Training record is expired for more than 30 days, their registration will be expired.



Position-Specific (Role-Based) Courses

These instructor-led or online courses are designed to help leaders learn how to effectively carry out their Scouting roles. To be a “trained” leader, YPT, Hazardous Weather, and Position Specific courses are required.

Online versions of many courses may be found at [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org)

Mandated Reporter Training and AB506

California Law AB 506 (“AB 506”) took effect on January 1, 2022 and supports our mission to protect the youth in our program from neglect and abuse.

The law requires employees, administrators, and volunteers of Youth Service Organizations to complete training in child abuse & neglect reporting and undergo Live Scan background checks.

All registered BSA volunteer positions, administrators and employees including camp staff must comply with AB 506.

[BSA-LA.org/youthprotection](https://bsa-la.org/youthprotection)

SUPPLEMENTAL & ADVANCED TRAININGS

For many leaders, participation in supplemental and advanced training courses significantly enhances their knowledge and ability in either certain skills or in leadership and team development.

[BSA-LA.org/training/](https://bsa-la.org/training/)



First Aid/CPR Trainings

Scouting teaches to “Be Prepared”. All Scouting outings require or at least benefit from adults who have first aid and CPR training.



University of Scouting

University of Scouting is a single day training; offering courses designed to meet specific needs as well as offering Position Specific Training. Courses are designed for leaders at all levels of all programs and delivered by veteran volunteers. University of Scouting is one of the most beneficial opportunities for your leadership team to receive the training they need to perform their tasks even better.



BALOO/IOLS

Baloo is the Cub Scout leader training required for any Cub Scout den or pack outdoor event, including pack camping overnights and Webelos den overnights.

The Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course builds and expands on the concepts and themes introduced in Scoutmaster Position Specific Training and provides Scouters with the confidence to take youth into the outdoors.



Wood Badge

Often called the “Ph.D. of Scout Training,” Wood Badge concentrates on providing training on modern leadership skills needed in today’s world. Wood Badge teaches valuable tools in listening, communicating, conflict management, project planning, leveraging diversity and generational differences and leading change. Wood Badge is often a transformational experience and among the most impactful experiences an adult leader can have.



SCOUTING SAFELY

BSA's Commitment to Safety

The safety of our youth, volunteers, staff and employees is **top** priority of the Scouting experience. Youth develop traits of citizenship, character, fitness and leadership during age-appropriate events when challenged to move beyond their normal comfort level, and discover their abilities. This is appropriate when risks are identified and mitigated.

The Scouting program, as contained in our handbooks and literature, integrates many safety features. However, no policy or procedure will replace the review and vigilance of trusted adults at the point of program execution.



Commit yourself to creating a safe and healthy environment by:

- Knowing and executing the BSA program as contained in our publications
- Planning tours, activities and events with vigilance using the tools provided
- Setting the example for safe behavior and equipment use during program
- Engaging and educating all participants in discussions about hazards and risks
- Reporting incidents in a timely manner

Barriers to Abuse

The BSA has adopted the following policies for the safety and well-being of its members.

These policies primarily protect youth members; however, they also serve to protect adult leaders. All parents and caregivers should understand that our leaders are to abide by these safeguards. Registered leaders must follow these guidelines with all Scouting youth outside of Scouting activities.

- The chartered organization representative, or in their absence the executive officer of the chartered organization, must approve the registration of the unit's adult leaders.
- Youth Protection training is required for leaders when renewing their registration or at unit charter renewal.
- Adult program participants must register as adults and follow Youth Protection policies.
- Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age- and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.
- One-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both inside and outside of Scouting.
- Discipline must be constructive.

- Leaders must ensure that all participating in Scouting abide by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
- Adult leaders and youth members share the responsibility for the safety of all participants in the program, including adherence to Youth Protection and health and safety policies.
- All leaders are required to adhere to the Scouter Code of Conduct.
- Whenever possible, separate cabins or lodging should be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth. Where separate accommodations cannot be provided due to group size or limited availability, modifications may be made. Where completely separate accommodations are not available, additional supervision is required.
- Separate shower and latrine facilities should be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth.
- The buddy system should be used.
- The use of smartphones, cameras, mirrors, drones, etc., in places or situations where privacy is expected is prohibited.
- All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.
- The BSA does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program.
- Hazing and initiations are prohibited and have no part during any Scouting activity.
- All forms of bullying and harassment including verbal, physical and cyberbullying are prohibited.
- Inappropriate public displays of affection are prohibited.
- Sexual activity is prohibited.
- Appropriate attire is required for all activities.
- Adult leaders and youth members have a responsibility to recognize, respond to, and report Youth Protection violations and abuse.

Helpful Resources

The Boy Scouts of America have developed a number of helpful resources to encourage Safe Scouting including:

- **The Guide to Safe Scouting** | [Scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/](https://scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/)
- **Age Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities** | bit.ly/AgeAppropriateActivities
- **Safety Moments** | [Scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/](https://scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/)
- **BSA's health and safety guidelines and policies** | [Scouting.org/health-and-safety/guidelines-policies/](https://scouting.org/health-and-safety/guidelines-policies/)





GROWING YOUR UNIT

Scouting is more fun with more youth, families and leaders. Engaging more youth in Scouting enables us to spread Scouting's values further into our community and make a deeper impact as we "Build Stronger Families Through Scouting". Cub Scout recruiting must focus on the family joining – Scout and parents – and can be most successful by peer to peer, family to family invitations to attend fun den and pack activities. All programs should plan a coordinated membership drive annually. New Scouts can join any time during the year.

Our Steps to Successful and Sustainable Cub Scout Family Recruiting start with (1) Make a Calendar of Fun Activities and Program, then (2) Let People Know – Promote Your Program!, followed right on by (3) Recruit More Leaders and Helpers, and (4) Grow your School and Community Presence, leading to (5) Sign-Up Events: School Sign-Up Nights and Fun Den and Fun Welcoming Activities Too. Step (6) is More Fun Activities that lead to retaining your signups, plus more growth.

BSA-LA.org/membership/

Fun Den and Pack Activities

Kids want to know what they will do in Cub Scouting. Parents too. Research shows that the number one "satisfaction factor" in Cub Scouting is having great outdoor activities. Scouting is Outing, so Get Out and Cub Scout!

Promote Your Pack Program

Got Activities? Share them. Make a one page handout listing them, add a QR code for more information – call that your "Pack Packet". Share with current families, and empower your parents to share – peer to peer – with friends and classmates. Leaders can leverage parents to recruit and help onboard new families, because any parent who likes Cub Scouting can be a welcoming New Member Coordinator for your den and pack.

Recruiting Parent Leaders

Parents are the primary source of Leaders in Scouting – and lack of leaders is the number one reason why families leave Cub Scouting. Many packs and dens have an "Every Parent Leads" (something) policy, because that's a key to success. There are different roles within the Unit that can fit the schedule and interests of any parent or volunteer. The key is to recruit the right adult for the position, in order to make your Unit as effective as can be. Recruiting leaders is hard and there is no one way that works every time – but there are many ways that work sometime. You'll never receive a "Yes!" if you don't ask.



Sign Up Events – Anytime

While packs will gain new members through sign-up nights in the fall organized by your District Executive, packs should also schedule their own fun activities and have your families invite friends and classmates. Dens and packs also have the opportunity to use spring events and summer day camp to entice new youth and families to the program.

Communication & Information

Regular, clear communication with all pack and den families is critical to helping them feel at home in Scouting. After any Sign Up Event, have a fun activity for kids with a Parent Orientation alongside to get new and returning parents up to speed on your pack and dens. And keep the communication going about upcoming activities.

More Activities, Adventure and Outings

This Guide shares plenty of ideas for pack and den activities and outings. A big part of den activities will be Advancement toward Rank awards – and the link below will take you to sharable resource pages to help parents and parent/leaders lead hands-on active Adventures from the Handbooks.

[Scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/](https://scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/)

Growing Your Scouts BSA Troop

Scouts BSA Troop recruiting starts with the same steps of a strong activity calendar (things your Scouts want to do) that you – and your Scouts – share with others. Scout recruiting is key – that's the peer to peer recruiting that will cause new Scouts to stick with your Troop. Almost any of those activities can be a welcoming and joining event, whether it's a formal Troop open house or a regular Troop activity or campout.

Be sure to schedule campouts and other activities with 5th Grade Arrow of Light Dens so that they see what Troops do and will want to join you (cross over) in late winter or early spring. Don't forget their 5th Grade friends turning 11 years old who will benefit from joining the Troop and going to Summer Camp.



4 PLANNING YOUR PROGRAM

Scouts like to have fun and learn new things, that is what we call program. A good program takes planning and preparation. Research has shown that a common element of strong programs is a good annual program planned a year in advance that is then shared with all families as a calendar. Use these ground rules while working on your Unit plan:

- Respect the views of each other. Listen and don't interrupt.
- Keep focused on your task to plan your annual program. Don't get sidetracked.
- Write out your ideas so everyone can see them.
- Be in agreement.

COUNCIL AND DISTRICT EVENTS

Cub Scout Day Camps

WLACC offers two Cub Scout Day Camps in the Santa Clarita Valley and San Fernando Valley during the summer. Scouts can attend one or both camps in the council or other camps in neighboring councils. Day camps include Shooting sports, field sports, cub grub, outdoor skills, and scout skills.

BSA-LA.org/cub-camping/

Family Camping Weekends

Family camp weekends are offered for Cub Scouts and their families in the spring, summer, and fall at our camp properties. The weekend is filled with fun games and activities, archery, BBs and more. There are spring and fall opportunities at Camp Emerald Bay and Camp Josepho and summer opportunities at Camp Whitsett to choose from.

BSA-LA.org/cub-camping/

Memorial Day Flag Placement

The Saturday before Memorial Day, Scouts honor our veterans and come together at the Los Angeles National Cemetery to place flags on almost 90,000 gravesites.

BSA-LA.org/events

Virtual Merit Badge University

WLACC offers regular opportunities throughout the year for Scouts BSA youth to earn many merit badges virtually.

BSA-LA.org/VMBU

NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed for councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. The new NYLT syllabus, updated in 2021 by a National Task Force of NYLT volunteers, incorporates the latest Fortune 500 leadership ideas and presents a fresh, vital and meaningful training for today's Scouts that they can take back to their home units and back to their personal lives.

BSA-LA.org/events

5 FUNDING YOUR SCOUTING PROGRAM

Scouting is one of the most affordable programs for families to take part in. Through Popcorn and Camp Card sales, WLACC offers Scouts the opportunity to earn their way in Scouting while gaining confidence, learning salesmanship and attaining a sense of accomplishment.

POPCORN

Every Scout should learn the value of hard work and earning their own way. Over 70% of the popcorn sale supports your program and local Scouting! WLACC does all the pre-work to set up the sale making it easy for your Unit to get started. The popcorn sale also helps the council raise money for summer camps, offer more extensive training for our volunteers and create exciting programs for your Scouts.

Scouts gain confidence, salesmanship, communication skills and a sense of accomplishment. The popcorn sale is not just about selling popcorn; it's also about promoting Scouting and the Scouting ideals!



BSA-LA.org/productsales/

CAMP CARDS

Camp Cards are an excellent way for Scouts to earn their way to camp. These cards, created in partnership with local and national businesses, offer discounts. Cards are sold by Scouts to members of their community. Profits from these cards are split evenly between the council and the individual Scout. The funds a Scout earns can be used towards Summer Camp or other Scouting activities.



Units participating in this program will earn 50% commission for each \$5 Camp Card they sell. The sale begins in February and ends in April. This program is **RISK FREE**; Units can simply return any unsold cards at settlement at the end of the sale.

Each Unit should have a Unit Camp Card Champion. Their responsibilities are to manage all aspects of the sale, clearly communicate sale information with leaders, parents and Scouts. Camp Card Champions will order, receive and distribute cards to Scouts at the beginning of the sale; at the end of the sale they will reconcile cash and unsold cards with the council.

BSA-LA.org/productsales/

Unit Money Earning Applications

A Unit must submit a Unit Money Earning Application to the council prior to any fundraiser **outside** of Popcorn and Camp Cards. The application is found in the link below and should be submitted to the Service Center at least two weeks in advance of the fundraiser.

Whenever your Unit is planning a money-earning project, be sure to refer to the BSA's "Guides to Unit Money Earning Projects" found in the Unit Money Earning Application. If your answer is yes to all the questions in this document, it is likely the project conforms to Scouting's standards and will be approved.

BSA-LA.org/forms-and-documents

Camperships

Every Scout deserves the chance to experience the complete Scouting Adventure. Because of the generosity of local Scouting supporters, no Scout will be turned away from attending camp because of financial need. WLACC offers a variety of ways for Scouts to earn their way to camp, including Camp Card and Popcorn sales.

For those Scouts attending a WLACC camp who still need additional assistance, limited camperships can be awarded to Scouts in need.

BSA-LA.org/wlacc-camping-activities

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Friends of Scouting is the annual campaign where WLACC asks Scouting families, businesses and civic-minded citizens to support Scouting.

Why should I give to Friends of Scouting?

The Friends of Scouting campaign provides roughly one-quarter of the funds needed to support WLACC's camps, programs and facilities for a calendar year. Most importantly, Friends of Scouting gives every child in the Council's service area the opportunity to be a Scout, no matter their economic circumstance.

I already paid my child's registration and the Unit collects dues. Haven't I already supported Scouting?

Yes, and thank you. Those fees go directly to the Boy Scouts of America to provide insurance and national support. If your child's Scout Unit collects dues, that money stays with the Unit to help pay for trips and other activities. The Friends of Scouting campaign helps WLACC, our local Scouting program, pay for:

- Serving youth in at-risk areas
- Camp scholarships to Scouts needing assistance
- Training thousands of adult volunteer leaders
- Maintaining and staffing the council's three camping properties
- Developing communication to better support Unit programs
- Increased marketing efforts to encourage more youth to join Scouting and support programming
- Insurance

If you have any questions, please contact your District Executive, see page 5.





6 PLANNING YOUR YEAR

All District and Council activities (Training, Family Camping, Day Camp, etc.) a unit or family can participate in requires registration for the event. The Council has a registration system called Doubleknot.

Pro Tip: While you plan your program work to avoid planning activities on religious holidays. For a full calendar of religious observance dates visit bit.ly/Religious-Observances

DOUBLEKNOT

We use Doubleknot to create and manage events in our council. It is software made for charities and camps that hold events.

If you are signing up for an event through our council or at one of our camps; Camp Emerald Bay, Camp Whitsett, or Camp Josepho, you will likely use Doubleknot!

How to Register for Events

Go to BSA-LA.org and look for the events section. This is constantly updated as new events become available for registration, so check back frequently!

When you find an event you'd like to learn more about, click on that event and it will redirect you to Doubleknot.

There you will see the event details and the button to start a new registration. If you have used Doubleknot through our council before, you can log in with an existing account, or create a new one.

Finally, you will be asked for the rest of the information needed to register. If you have any questions on this process, reach out to camping@bsa-la.org.





JUNE 2023

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Plan for Fall Recruiting
- Josepho - Innovation Scouts: Where Dreamers Become Makers
- Sign Up for Popcorn

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| | | Scouts BSA @ Whitsett Week 1 | | | | |
| | | San Fernando Valley Cub Scout Day Camp | | | | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |
| | | Scouts BSA @ Emerald Bay Week 3 | | | | |
| | | Scouts BSA @ Whitsett Week 2 | | | | |
| | | Scouts BSA @ Josepho Week 1 | | | | |



JULY 2023

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Organize new Dens and recruit new Den Leaders
- Sign up for Wood Badge training
- Research 2024 Summer Camp

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| | | | Scouts BSA @ Josepho Week 1 | | | |
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| | | | Scouts BSA @ Emerald Bay Week 4 | | | |
| | | | Scouts BSA @ Whitsett Week 3 | | | |
| | | | Scouts BSA @ Josepho Week 2 | | | |
| | | | | Webelos Resident Camp @ Whitsett | | |
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| | | | Scouts BSA @ Emerald Bay Week 5 | | | |
| | | | Scouts BSA @ Whitsett Week 4 | | | |
| | | | Scouts BSA @ Josepho Week 3 | | | |
| | | | Santa Clarita Valley Cub Scout Day Camp | | | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | | | Scouts BSA @ Emerald Bay Week 6 | | | |
| | | | Scouts BSA @ Whitsett Week 5 | | | |
| | | | Scouts BSA @ Josepho Week 4 | | | |
| | | | | Cub Scout Family Camp @ Whitsett | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | | | Scouts BSA @ Emerald Bay Week 7 | | | |
| | Cub Scout Adventure @ Josepho Session 1 | | | Cub Scout Adventure @ Josepho Session 2 | | |



AUGUST 2023

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Plan to advance new Cub Scouts to Bobcat
- Sign up for Fall Cub Scout Family Camping Weekends
- Plan your Unit Popcorn Kick Off

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Scouts BSA @ Emerald Bay Week 8 | | | | | | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Scouts BSA @ Emerald Bay Week 9 | | | | | | |
| Cub Scout Adventure @ Emerald Bay | | | | | | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |



2023

SEPTEMBER

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Finalize plans for 2024 Summer Camp
- Review unit Spring calendar
- Continue Recruiting Youth and Leaders

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |



2023

OCTOBER

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Train new and incoming Unit Leaders
- Prepare final popcorn order
- Register for 2024 Summer Camp (early bird)

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|---------|---|----------|---|----------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Wood Badge Weekend 1 | 7 |
| 8 Wood Badge Weekend 1 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner | 19 | 20 Cub Scout Adventure @ Emerald Bay | 21 Wood Badge Weekend 1 |
| 22 Wood Badge Weekend 1 Cub Scout Adventure @ Emerald Bay | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 All Scouting Family Weekend @ Emerald Bay Silver Beaver Nominations Due | 28 |
| 29 All Scouting Family Weekend @ Emerald Bay | 30 | 31 | | | | |



NOVEMBER

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Register for 2024 Summer Camp (early bird)
- Schedule Scout Sabbath and Scout Sundays
- Select Webelos-to-Scout Transition Chairs

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 Fall Family Camp @ Camp Josepho | 4 |
| 5 Fall Family Camp @ Camp Josepho | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |



2023

DECEMBER

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Finalize annual recharter
- Finalize Spring Recruitment
- Register for Spring Family Camps

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | |



2024

MARCH

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Register for Camporee
- Camp Card Sales
- Sign-up for Day Camp

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|---------|-----------|----------|---|----------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Cub Scout Adventure @ Emerald Bay | 16 |
| 17 Cub Scout Adventure @ Emerald Bay | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Spring Family Camp @ Josepho | 23 |
| 24 Spring Family Camp @ Josepho | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |



2024

APRIL

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Begin Unit Planning for 2024-2025
- Reserve Summer Camp Merit Badge spots
- Plan Fall Recruitment

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |



MAY

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Complete Summer Camp physicals
- Schedule Unit Planning meetings
- Merit Badge Sign-up for Summer Camp

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|--------------------------------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | | | | | | Memorial Day Flag Placement |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Scouts BSA @ Emerald Bay Week 1 | | | | | | |
| NLT | | | | | | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Scouts BSA @ Emerald Bay Week 2 | | | | | | |
| Scouts BSA @ Whitsett Week 1 | | | | | | |
| San Fernando Valley Cub Scout Day Camp | | | | | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| Scouts BSA @ Emerald Bay Week 3 | | | | | | |
| Scouts BSA @ Whitsett Week 2 | | | | | | |
| Scouts BSA @ Josepho Week 1 | | | | | | |

7 APPENDIX

my.scouting.org

Your one-stop shop for e-learning, online charter renewal and more. To update to your actual Member ID that you receive when you register as a Leader, from the My.Scouting.org menu, scroll down to “Manage Member ID,” select “092 Atlanta Area Council” and then add your ID number provided when you successfully registered. Set this number as the primary and then online training you take will register in your Adult Leader role in your unit.

Scoutbook and Internet Advancement 2.0

Setting up a Scoutbook account is easy! Go to Scoutbook.com and follow the prompts. Internet Advancement 2.0 is accessed through My.Scouting.org. All advancement and training will be entered by the Unit Advancement Chair or other authorized Leader.

The Advancement Report is submitted to the Scout Shop at the time of purchase of rank advancement. An advancement report is not required to purchase Cub Scout Adventure loops or pins – in fact, savvy Dens and Packs will purchase loops and pins in advance to allow for immediate recognition when an Adventure is completed. You will not be allowed to purchase rank advancement without this report. It is recommended that each Unit submit monthly reports. All advancement for December should be submitted prior to midnight on December 31st in order to update your Unit, District and Council Advancement Statistics.

For Scoutbook user guides, visit: bit.ly/Scoutbook

Logging Service Hours

Service hours help you achieve Journey to Excellence recognition and helps Scouting share its impact with the community. To log your service hours you can access your Unit’s Scoutbook account, or sign into your My.Scouting.org account, select “Menu,” then scroll down to “BSA Weblink,” select “Internet Advancement 2.0” and enter the hours there. To do that, you will need your Unit’s 4 digit number (so, if you’re Pack 1, your 4 digit number is 0001), then go to “roster”, select “all” or “individual,” “record progress,” “service hours” for a service project activity you create there.

Internet Rechartering

Internet Renewal puts the power of accuracy in your hands. Units only need to log into your My.Scouting.org account.

- Go to BSA Weblinks and choose Internet Advancement 2.0
- When your unit comes up, select Recharter from the Menu
- Follow online instructions to complete recharter

System can be accessed after October 1st to begin processing your Renewal, but be aware that any membership you submit to Council after the date that you log in for the first time will not show on your Renewal and will require a separate payment for the next year to be included. You can continue to have members register for your unit via BeAScout.org where they will be assessed the fee for the coming year and the remainder of the current year and appear on your final roster! Verify your roster through My.Scouting.org before beginning. By thoroughly reviewing before you begin will reduce errors.

Be sure to attach original applications for anyone you add to your roster and upload into the recharter. After completing the recharter you will click on the Validate and Pay button. You will be given the opportunity to pay using a Credit Card, Echeck or pay directly to council. The choice is yours! All recharterers should be completed prior to December 31st.

E-Learning

Several online learning courses are available via My.Scouting.org including:

- | | | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Youth Protection Training | • Scoutmaster Fundamentals | • Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat |
| • All Leader training except IOLS/BALOO | • Merit Badge Counselor | • Hazardous Weather |
| | • Unit Committee Training | • And More |

Other Functions of My.Scouting.org

- BeAScout management
- Service Hours Reporting
- Unit, District and Council Tools
- Online new Scout applications

Journey to excellence

“Scouting’s Journey to Excellence” is the BSA’s performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units. It is meant to encourage excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA.

How the Journey To Excellence Program Works

Each criterion has a point value for bronze, silver and gold. As you achieve at one of those levels, you will earn those points. Each criterion will be scored and then you’ll have a total score. You will need a prescribed number of total points to achieve bronze, and the same for silver and gold. These point values may change from year to year. As you earn more points, you’ll achieve a higher level.

[Scouting.org/JTE](https://www.scouting.org/JTE)

Journey To Excellence in Your Unit

Journey to Excellence gives units a framework for planning their year, a method of evaluating unit success and a way to recognize your unit for great Scouting. Unit metrics include:

- Planning and budgeting
- Membership growth and retention
- Program including advancement, outdoor activities/camping and service projects
- Leadership recruitment and training

Commissioner Service

Led by the Council Commissioner, the Commissioner team is a group of volunteers that provides service to the Council, Districts, chartered organizations and units. These leaders are appointed by the Council Commissioner with the approval of the Council Board of Directors and the recommendation of the District Committee.

What Do Commissioners Do?

Commissioners are an extension of the council’s professional staff in service to chartered organizations and to the Units in the Atlanta Area Council. Commissioners provide help and guidance for Unit Renewal and the Journey to Excellence program. They provide supplemental training and unit support at monthly Roundtable meetings. This group of Scouters offers updated District/Council/National information to the local Units to help leaders provide the best program available to our youth.

What is a Unit Commissioner?

A Unit Commissioner is a volunteer Scouter who, through regular unit visits, works directly with units to help them provide the highest quality Scouting program possible. Unit Commissioners represent the ideals, principles and policies of the Scout program while providing the resources of the District and Council to the units they serve.

What is Roundtable?

Roundtable is a monthly meeting conducted by the Roundtable Commissioners in each District with the goal of providing resources, knowledge and skills to leaders to enable and motivate them to deliver outstanding program to their units. Roundtable provides a forum for leaders in the Scouting program to:

- Meet and exchange ideas and information with other leaders from their district
- Learn about upcoming District and Council events and programs
- Increase knowledge of the Scouting program, policies and procedures
- Develop exciting new programs that significantly affect the agendas of each Unit in the Scouting program

AGE APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES FOR SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

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Outdoor Skills

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---|----------------|
| Hunting | | | | | | Venturers Only |
| Mountaineering/Scrambling/Cross-Country Travel | | | | | | ✓ |
| Search and Rescue Missions | | | | | | ✓ |
| Search and Rescue Practice | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Fueled Devices (Stoves and lanterns) | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Hiking—Multiple Day | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mountain Boards | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Orienteering | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Wilderness Survival Training | | | | Castaway Elective | ✓ | ✓ |
| Camporees | | | | Day Visit Only | | |
| Fire Building | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Pioneering | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cooking Outdoors | | | Bear Necessities Requirement | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Horseback Riding | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Map and Compass | | Map Only | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Pioneering Towers (Check requirements for height restrictions.) | | Council/District Events Only | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Rope Bridges (Check requirements for height restrictions.) | | Council/District Events Only | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Conservation Projects | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Fishing | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Hiking—Day | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |



Tools

(See SAFE Project Tool Use Guidelines: filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-028.pdf)

| | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|-----------|---|----------------|---|
| Power —Chain Saws, Log Splitters, Wood Chippers, Power Saws | | | | | Adult Use Only | |
| Tools | | | | | | See Age Guidelines for Tool Use |
| Power | | | | | | ✓ |
| Tools Axes | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bow Saws | | | Bear Only | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Pocketknife | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |



Treking

| | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Horse Treks | | | | | | ✓ |
| Backpacking—Overnight, Backcountry | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bike Treks—Multiple Overnights | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Ski Touring—Multiple Days and Nights Carrying Gear | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Day Hikes | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |



Shooting

(See shooting sports guides at www.scouting.org. Note: Shooting at each other is prohibited.)

| | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Centerfire/Large-Bore Rifles | | | | | | Venturers and Sea Scouts |
| Pistols | | | | | | Venturers and Sea Scouts |
| Pistol Safety and Marksmanship Programs | | | | | | Council-Run Program |
| Specialty Programs—Cowboy Action Shooting | | | | | | ✓ |
| .22 Rifle | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Archer y—Field | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Muzzleloaders | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Shotguns | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Specialty Programs—Airsoft | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Specialty Programs—Chalkball | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Air Rifle (pellet guns) | | | | Webelos Long-Term Camp Only | ✓ | ✓ |
| BB Guns | | | Council/District Outdoor Programs Only | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Archery—Target, Action (moving targets) | | | Council/District Outdoor Programs Only | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Slingshots/Wrist Rockets | | | Council/District Outdoor Programs Only | | | |
| Catapults/Trebuchets | | | | | | |

Projectiles must be soft and small (no larger than a tennis ball).



Camping

(See Guide to Safe Scouting: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss)

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| Unit-Coordinated Camping | | | | Camping as a Den or Pack at Council's Designated Locations | ✓ | ✓ |
| Council-Coordinated Camping | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

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Vehicles

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|------------------------------------|---|
| All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) | | | | | Approved Council Use Only; No Unit | |
| Personal Watercraft (PWC) | | | | | Use Approved Council Use Only; No | |
| BMX Biking | | | ✓ | ✓ | Un/Use | ✓ |
| Mountain Biking | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bike—Day Trip | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |



Cope and Climbing

(Other than simple novice activities)

| | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Caving | | | | | | ✓ |
| Lead Climbing | | | | | | ✓ |
| Snow and Ice Climbing | | | | | | ✓ |
| Belaying | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Rock Climbing | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Amusements—Aerial Adventure Parks | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Amusements—Canopy Tours | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Amusements—Zip Lines | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Rappelling | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| COPE | Age-Appropriate Initiative Games | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bouldering | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Climbing (age-appropriate man-made facility) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |



Aquatics

(See [Safe Swim Defense](#), and [Safety Afloat](#) for restrictions based on skills, such as swimming ability, rather than age.)

| | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|---|---|------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Aerial Towed Activities (kitesurfing, parasails) | Not | | | | | |
| Cliff Jumping, High Dives | Authorized | | | | | |
| Triathlon: Swim Races in Open Water | | | | Not | | Sanctioned Events |
| Paddle Sports: Youth Operated on Class III or Above | | | | Authorized | | ✓ |
| Whitewater Personal Water Craft (PWC) | | | | | Approved Council Programs Only | |
| Paddle Sports: Whitewater With Professional Guide on Board | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Paddle Sports: Youth Operated on Class I or II Whitewater | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Motorboats: Youth Operated (check state regulations) | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Overnight Cruise on Live-Aboard Vessel | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Sailboats and Sailboards: Youth Operated | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Snorkeling in Open Water | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Scuba | | | | | | ✓ |
| Surfing | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Towed Activities (waterskiing, knee boarding, floats) | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Tubing (floating in gently flowing water) | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Paddle Sports: Youth Operated on Calm or Gently Flowing | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Water Commercial Marine Transport (ferries, excursion ships) | Passengers Only | | Paddle Sports Include Canoes, Kayaks, Pedal Boats, Rafts, Rowboats, SUP | | | |
| Day Rides on Large Private Craft With Trained Adult Operator | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| Swimming | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Snorkeling in Confined Water | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Water Parks, Slides, and Floating Attractions | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |

Appropriate Age Varies by Feature



SAFE Project Tool Use

The safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees, and communities is our top priority. This document outlines several minimum guiding protocols that adult leaders and other volunteers must consider for Scouting service projects that include the use of tools. It is not intended to cover the use of tools integrated into advancement requirements (i.e., merit badges, handbooks, or adventures).

If it is not practical to meet these protocols, do not conduct the activity or service project.

S = Supervision

Qualified adult supervision is on site. They must have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to operate or supervise the operation of all tools and equipment used for an activity or service project.

A = Assessment

Check the area of the project for any hazards, and clear workspace for tool use between participants.

An assessment by qualified supervisors determines what personal protective equipment (PPE) is required. Examples of PPE include:

- ♦ Work gloves
- ♦ Safety glasses or face shield
- ♦ Safety helmets/hardhats
- ♦ Earplugs or muffs
- ♦ Steel-toe shoes or sturdy work boots
- ♦ Protective aprons or clothing
- ♦ Fall protection
- ♦ Recommendations of tool manufacturer

F = Fitness and Skills:

Participation in projects and the use of tools should be based on the mental, physical, emotional, and social maturity of youth and adult members.

Lions and Tigers cannot use tools during service projects.

E = Equipment and Environment

Leaders must follow the most restrictive and protective guidelines. **The table on page 2 is not comprehensive; tool or equipment manufacturers' safety literature about age and skills restrictions will supersede the recommendations.** If in doubt, properly trained and/or experienced adults should be recruited for all tool use or job functions that might be hazardous or dangerous.

All work at any elevation 4 feet or higher is prohibited for any youth. The first three steps of a step stool or ladder may be appropriate for older Scouts BSA, Venturing, or Sea Scouts.

Work below grade that includes trenching or excavations (2 feet deep or more) is not appropriate for projects. Below-grade work such as shallow foundations, post holes, or trail work is appropriate if using hand tools for youth — no powered tools — provided all underground utilities are clear of the area.

Resources

SAFE: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safe/>

SAFE Service Project Planning Checklist: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-027.pdf>

Prohibited Activities (See numbers 16 & 17): <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss07/#b>

Ladder Safety Moment: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/ladder-safety/>

Portable Hand and Power Tools Checklist (NIOSH): <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2004-101/chklsts/r1n50p~1.htm>

| AGE APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES— PROJECT TOOL USE |  Lions / Tigers with Adult Partner |  Wolf / Bear |  Webelos |  Scouts BSA | Older Scouts BSA* Sea Scouts Venturers |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| Yard Tools | | | | | |
| Rakes, hoes, shovels, small clippers, handheld (gardening) shovels, trowels | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Pickaxes, mattocks, post-hole diggers, carts, dollies, wheelbarrows | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Lawn mowers, line trimmers, edgers, hedge trimmers | | | | | ✓ |
| Riding mowers, tractors, or other equipment | | | | | Adult Use Only |
| Chain saws (21+ years old with proper training**), log splitters, woodchippers | | | | | Adult Use Only |
| Wood- and Metal-Working Tools | | | | | |
| Hammers, screwdrivers, wood sanding blocks | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Pocket or wood-carving knives*** | | Bear only | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Handsaws, wood chisels, wood planes, brace and bits | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Small, handheld electric screwdrivers and palm sanders | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Belt or large sanders (electric or cordless) | | | | | ✓ |
| Welder****; circular, reciprocating, or radial saws; band or scroll saws; routers and planers; metal grinders; pressure washers; drill presses; branding irons | | | | | Adult Use Only |
| Painting | | | | | |
| Handheld paint brushes | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Paint rollers | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Paint rollers with extensions | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Paint sprayers | | | | | ✓ |
| Elevated Work | | | | | |
| Ladders or step stools (limited to the first 3 steps only) | | | | | ✓ |
| Ladders or scaffold (4 feet or higher requires fall protection) | | | | | Adult Use Only |

* older Scouts BSA members are age 13 and have completed eighth grade or are 14 years old and up

** chain-saw training must meet (a) a state or federally recognized chain saw training course approved by the council; or (b) the BSA Chain Saw Basic Training course, No. 430-136

*** requires the youth to have earned the Whittling Chip or Totin' Chip

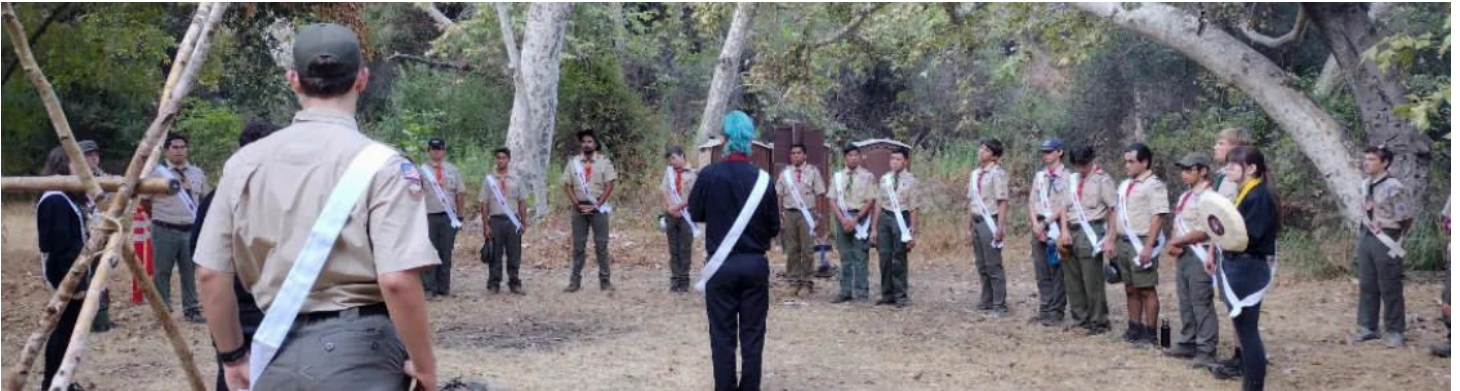
**** Welding merit badge participation is exempt

Venturing

Venturing is an inclusive program through the Boy Scouts of America for males and females aged 14-20 (or 13 and completed the 8th grade). It's operated through Venturing Crews, Units of youth and advisors that meet on set schedules and plan activities and events for youth like you!

The Venturing program aims to enable young adults to:

- Experience a program that is fun and full of challenge and adventure
- Acquire skills in the area of their crew's specialty
- Become a skilled training and program resource for other youth groups
- Experience positive leadership from adult and youth leaders and have opportunities to take on leadership roles
- Learn to make ethical choices throughout their lives by instilling the values of the Scout Oath and Law
- Have a chance to learn and grow in a supportive, caring and fun environment



Order of the Arrow

Founded in 1915, the Order of the Arrow has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives for over 100 years. The Order of the Arrow has over 160,000 members in lodges affiliated with more than 270 local BSA councils. In 2019, the Order of the Arrow membership requirements were revised to include Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews and Sea Scout Ships.

Malibu Lodge

An Order of the Arrow lodge is the Unit of the Order of the Arrow that matches up with a Local Council. Malibu Lodge is the Lodge affiliated with WLACC. Malibu Lodge helps WLACC provide a quality Scouting program through methods such as recognition of Scouting spirit, youth leadership development and adventurous programming.

The Lodge is divided into chapters that correspond to the Council's districts. Chapters support their district and the lodge in achieving their goals and purpose.

| District | Chapter |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Antelope Valley | Ta To Ka Dan |
| Bill Hart | Serranos |
| Campo de Cahuenga | Xaxaamonga |
| Crescent Bay | Heyoka |
| Reyes Adobe | Sipo |



National High Adventure Bases

In addition to the amazing camps operated by the Atlanta Area Council, Troops have the opportunity to experience one of the national high adventure bases. Troops or Crews should plan to register 18 months in advance of their trek.

Philmont Scout Ranch

Today's Philmont Scout Ranch is a bustling center for high adventure and training. Youth and adults take advantage of the Ranch's camping, training and work programs. Most activity takes place during the summer, but Philmont also offers Autumn Adventure and Winter Adventure programs. More than 1,000,000 Scouts, Venturers and leaders have experienced the adventure of Philmont since the first camping season in 1939.

PhilmontScoutRanch.org

Northern Tier

Northern Tier is the Boy Scouts of America's gateway to adventure in the Great Northwoods. In the summer, Scouts from Northern Tier's three wilderness canoe bases explore millions of acres of lakes, rivers, forests and wetlands in Minnesota, Ontario and Manitoba. In the winter, Northern Tier is home to the OKPIK Cold-Weather Camping program.

NTier.org

Florida Sea Base

The Florida Sea Base, located in the Florida Keys, is a unique Scouting program that offers aquatics programs found nowhere else. Come and enjoy sailing, scuba diving, rustic camping on an undeveloped barrier island, fishing or a combination of all.

BSASeaBase.org

Summit Bechtel Reserve

Situated in the wilds of West Virginia, The Summit is an adventure center for the millions of youth and adults involved in the Boy Scouts of America and anyone who loves the outdoors. Troops can participate in week-long or weekend programs.

SummitBechtelReserve.org





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