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**Program Planning Guide**

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# 1. Why Scouting?

Thank you for partnering with the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America. As a volunteer you play a critical role in helping to build character, leadership, and citizenship in thousands of youth members. Our volunteers are the reason why the Boy Scouts of America is the premier organization for developing you the in Southeastern New England.

Because strong units start with a solid foundation, the Narragansett Council is investing in your foundation by providing the tools necessary for you to plan your unit's wicked-awesome year of Scouting. This includes creating a program calendar and developing a budget for delivering that program legacy.

The foundation of Scouting is built on the Boy Scouts of America's platform of Youth Protection, and of course, that begins with YOU. Together we will create the safest environment possible for our youth. As we focus on creating solid foundation, all units will be empowered to deliver a prestigious program for our youth. Thank you for your efforts which make Scouting possible for over 13,000 youth.

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## 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. The Boy Scouts of America believes — and, through over a century of experience, **knows** — that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

### SCOUTING PROGRAMS & UNITS

Scouts are organized into various units depending on their age and program. Your unit is chartered to a church, school, or some other civic organization in your community (also known as a Chartered Organization). This group, along with the families and leaders in the unit, makes sure your unit has strong volunteer leaders, a place to meet and exciting things to do. Most units gather several times a month for learning activities and monthly to recognize the youth for their accomplishments. Your unit may also hold events like the Pinewood Derby, camping, fundraisers and service projects.



#### Cub Scouts

##### **Boys & Girls age 5-10 (Kindergarten through 5th Grade)**

Cub Scouts is a year-round family- and home-centered program that develops ethical decision-making skills for youth in kindergarten through fifth grade (or who are 5-10 years old). 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 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.



#### 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 with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster. Scouts BSA are part of a troop. There are girl troops and boy troops, and they function independently, 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. The Scouts in the troop develop their own program and are responsible for achieving their goals.



#### Venturing

##### **Young Men & Women age 14-21 (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. Venturing also provides wonderful on-going opportunities and adventure to older Scouts.



#### Exploring

##### **Young Men & Women age 14-21 (8th Grade through Early College)**

Exploring is a career education program for young men and women who are between 14 and 21 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.



#### Sea Scouts

##### **Young Men & Women age 14-21 (8th Grade through Early College)**

Sea Scouts, like Scouts BSA, pursue challenging rank advancement and, like Venturers, share a love for high adventure. Just as the name implies, Sea Scouting promotes better citizenship, maritime safety and skills, and knowledge of our maritime heritage through instruction and practice.

# **About the Narragansett 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. In Southeastern New England, Scouting continues to improve our families and our neighborhoods.

The Narragansett Council is home to one of the oldest and most successful of the 266 local Scout councils chartered by the Boy Scouts of America to deliver the Scouting program throughout the country. Our Council is led by a Board of Directors made up of Southeastern New England's top business and community leaders, a professional staff to provide support for local operations, and thousands of local volunteers who donate their time and talent to deliver this life-changing program to our local youth. Visit us online at [NarragansettBSA.org](http://NarragansettBSA.org) or [NCBSA.org](http://NCBSA.org)

## **What Is a District?**

The Narragansett Council is divided into four geographic districts and one administrative district to serve the youth, families, and volunteers in that area.

Your district is supported by a volunteer District Committee, District Executives, and Council Professionals 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.

The 1910 District is the largest component of our Scoutreach program. It is supported by full-time and part-time staff that coordinates leadership and service to units through financial subsidies and/or paid program leaders.

For more information on districts, visit [NCBSA.org/Districts](http://NCBSA.org/Districts)

## **Scout Shops**

The Narragansett Council operates two Scout Shops which provide "one-stop" service centers for all of your Scouting needs. All Scout Shops feature a full line of uniforms & insignia, literature & support materials, camping gear & books, arts & crafts items, gift items, and Scouting memorabilia.

In addition to offering a wide variety of Scouting supplies for sale, the Scout Shops accept payments for all council activities, applications, advancement reports, Eagle packets, camping reservations, and the like. You can conduct all your Council business at one of the Scout Shops.

Most importantly, because these shops are run by the Narragansett Council, proceeds go directly back to supporting Scouting in your community!

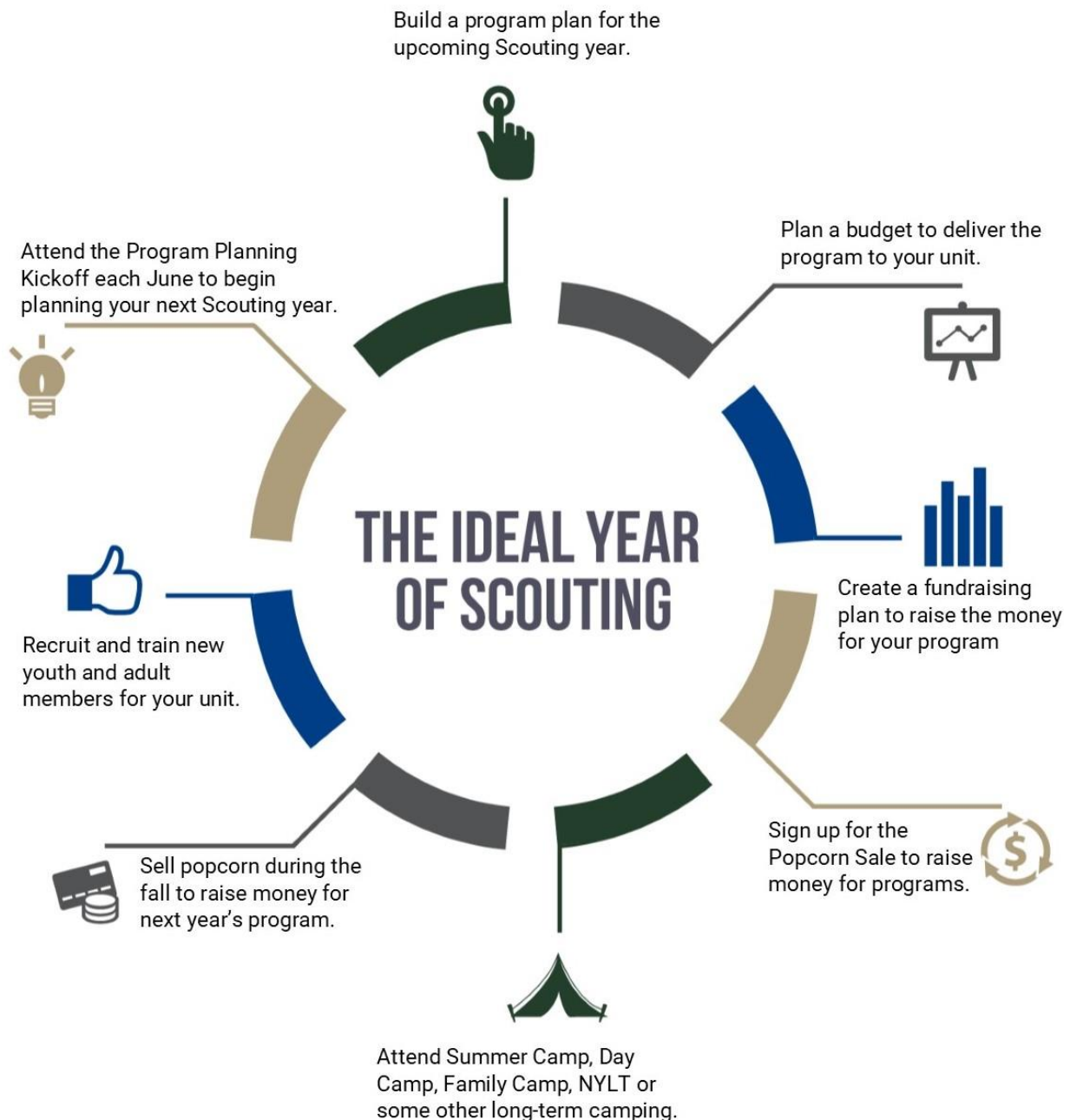
Find out more about what's available at [NCBSA.org/Scoutshops](http://NCBSA.org/Scoutshops)

# 3. How to Scout

## The Ideal year of Scouting

Providing a year-round, quality 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. The key is to begin by planning your unit program alongside your youth and their families. Determine the types of activities your youth are interested in and find opportunities to offer them. Schedule these programs throughout the year in a way that makes sense for your unit leadership and encourages year-round engagement from your youth 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 each Scout. This allows you to fundraise 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 Scout leaders provide a quality, fun-filled program for youth. When leaders understand the “why’s” and “how’s” 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. Trained leaders also have the confidence in carrying out their roles and responsibilities. As a result, Scouts receive a program designed to achieve Scouting’s aims of citizenship, training, character development, and personal fitness.

For more information and the most up-to-date training opportunities, visit [NCBSA.org/Training](https://www.ncbsa.org/Training)

## **Leader Basic 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 BSA registered volunteers and must be taken every two years.

For more information visit [NCBSA.org/YouthProtection](https://www.ncbsa.org/YouthProtection)

### **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. In most cases, completing the course will make a leader “trained” for the role(s) covered in the course.

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

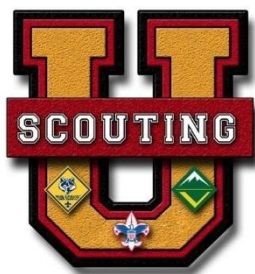
### **Outdoor Leadership Courses**

These hands-on courses provide adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the outdoors. Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) is a required course to become a fully trained Scoutmaster, and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) is required of at least one adult leader on a Cub Scout camping program. Both courses are typically offered in the Spring and Fall. IOLS is also offered during the summer program at Camp Yawgoog.

## **Supplemental & Advanced Trainings**

Completing Basic Leader Training gives you the skills and the knowledge to effectively administer the Scouting program in your Unit. 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. The Narragansett Council provides a number of opportunities for adults to participate in these programs.

For more information, visit [NCBSA.org/Training](https://www.ncbsa.org/Training)



### **University of Scouting**

University of Scouting is a single day training event offering over 35 courses designed to provide a hands-on opportunity to network and gain skills to improve your Scout’s experience. Courses are designed for leaders at all levels of all programs and delivered by veteran volunteers and professionals. University of Scouting is one of the most beneficial opportunities for your leadership team to receive the training they need to deliver a high-quality program for their Scouts.

For more information, visit [NCBSA.org/UofS](https://www.ncbsa.org/UofS)

### **Leave No Trace**

This course is designed to teach both adults and senior Scouts the Leave No Trace and Outdoor Ethics message. Learn how to plan and prepare for a trip, take advantage of durable surfaces to camp and hike, properly dispose of waste, leave what you find, minimize the impacts of campfires, respect wildlife, and respect those that may travel your path in days to come. Through this course, you will gain a deeper

understanding of what it takes to protect the outdoors so that others may enjoy it as much you do! This course is typically offered in the Spring and in the Fall.

## **Wood Badge**

For roughly a century, Wood Badge has provided training on modern leadership skills needed for Scout leaders. The program personifies “Scouting in Action” through high levels of Scout Spirit and by utilizing the Patrol Method during the course. The primary purpose of the Wood Badge experience is to strengthen Scouting in our units, districts, and local councils.

Wood Badge is often a transformational experience and among the most impactful experiences an adult leader can have.

For more information, visit [NCBSA.org/WoodBadge](https://www.ncbsa.org/WoodBadge)



## **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)**

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home units. Today’s NYLT syllabus incorporates the latest in leadership ideas and presents fresh, vital, and meaningful training for today’s Scouts.

Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skill and confidence to lead well.

Narragansett Council offers several courses throughout the year.

For more information, visit [NCBSA.org/NYLT](https://www.ncbsa.org/NYLT)

## **Scouting Safely**

Few youth organizations encompass the breadth, volume, and diversity of physical activity common to Scouting. And none enjoy a better safety record. The key to maintaining and improving this exemplary record is the conscientious and trained adult leader who is attentive to safety concerns.

## **BSA’s Commitment to Safety**

We want you to know that the safety of our youth, volunteers, staff, and employees is an important part 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 and leaders 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

Thank you for being part of the Scouting movement and creating an exciting and safe experience for every participant.



## 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. Parents and youth are strongly encouraged to use these safeguards outside the Scouting program. 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.
- Current 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 activities 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.
- Separate accommodations for adult males and females and youth males and females are required.
- 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/gss](https://www.scouting.org/gss)
- Age Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities | **see pages 22-23**
- Safety moments are helpful as you plan your year | [Scouting.org/safety-moments](https://www.scouting.org/safety-moments)
- For help with selected safety and health related items to help keep your outing safe review the BSA's health and safety guidelines and policies | [Scouting.org/guidelines-policies](https://www.scouting.org/guidelines-policies)

# **GROWING YOUR UNIT**

Engaging more youth in Scouting enables us to spread Scouting's values further into our community and make a deeper impact. Bringing in new youth also brings in new adults with fresh ideas and willingness to serve. All programs should plan a coordinated membership drive annually. New Scouts can join any time during the year, and there are some points in the year that other recruiting efforts can be very successful.

## **Recruiting Parent Leaders**

Volunteer and Parent Leaders are essential to making sure every child has the opportunity to participate in a great Scouting program. Parents are the primary source of leaders in Scouting. 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, to make your unit as effective as can be. The table below explains some common roles for volunteers and parents.

<b>Time Commitment</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Role</b>
Significant	Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Venturing Crew Advisor, Committee Chair	Helps plan and carry out unit programs with the help of others. Acts as the "host" of Unit events.
Moderate	Asst. Unit Leader, Den Leader (Packs Only), Committee Member	Leads small groups of youth at activities. Coordinates parent helpers and assistants.
Light	Committee Member, Parent Helper	Support unit leadership in planning and putting on activities for youth.

## **Growing Your Cub Scout Pack**

Traditionally, packs will gain new members through sign-up nights in the fall. Many new Cub Scouts are recruited through rallies and sign-up nights during our fall recruitment campaign. Packs should also find opportunities to use spring events, community events, and summer day camp to entice new youth to the program.

### **Communication & Information**

Regularly communicating with new families is critical to helping them feel at home in Scouting. Have experienced leaders make welcome phone calls. Be sure to call a family when they have missed a meeting. Emails are good but try to keep them to information about future events. Use phone calls to establish a relationship with each new family. One of the most common reasons families drop out of Scouting is because they say they were not contacted about the "next meeting." Second, be sure that the new families have your leaders' contact information. It is important to be proactive with your communication, but parents need to know that they can contact the Pack if they have any questions. Finally, remember to limit "Scout Speak." New families are often intimidated by phrases like "Den," "Pack," "Cubmaster," and "Chartered Org." Try using everyday language like "group," "leader," and "small group."

### **First Meetings & Outings**

Each den should have a pre-planned three-month program that includes pack and den activities and outings. These early activities should be hands-on meetings with plenty of action. New dens should have immediate plans to attend an outdoor activity or similar Scouting event. Another common reason that families drop out of Scouting is because they say the first few meetings were disorganized and not fun. New Scouts should be focused on earning their Bobcat rank within the first 30 days of joining the pack. This accomplishment and recognition is a strong tool to keep new families engaged.

## Growing Your Scout Troop and Venture Crew

Spring is a great time for troop open houses with the promise of many campouts and activities that will prepare them for the cornerstone of the Scouts BSA program, summer camp. Troops will typically welcome new Scouts during crossover events in the spring, where Cub Scouts transition to Scouts BSA.

Troops have a new group of potential Scouts in the fall with 6th graders who are now eligible to have fun with the older Scouts. A fall open house can be another opportunity to grow your troop. Most middle schools allow troops to promote an open house date at their schools.

Don't forget to encourage our best promoters, our Scouts themselves! Scouts should be given every opportunity and encouraged to invite friends, neighbors, teammates, and classmates to future Scouting events. Consider scheduling a couple meetings a year that are tailored for specifically inviting new members. Make it fun for your current Scouts and empower them to be the advocates of our program

## Community Events

Narragansett Council has several resources available to units to help promote Scouting within their local communities at town or regional events. These resources include our inflatable archery, inflatable BB range, easy ups, giveaways and more. Be sure to contact your local Scouting professional with the event date and location as soon as possible to secure these resources.

It is important at these community events to be proactive. Smile and welcome people, share the reasons you are involved with Scouting and the transformation you have witnessed in the Scouts. Sitting back and waiting for people to come to your booth is different than making people want to flock to your booth with songs, games, bubbles, and our infectious Scouting spirit!

## Recruitment resources

Each spring order forms are distributed for the fall recruitment campaign. Units can request posters, flyers, and yard signs for distribution through their community. Orders should be submitted by

Additional materials are available to be requested for specific events. Add some sizzle to your presentation with:

- professionally designed EZ-Ups with BSA Logos
- Recruitment Boxes—Containing applications, recruitment materials, and more!
- Tablecloths with BSA Logos
- Archery and BB Ranges (Rangemaster required)
- Trade Show-Style Pull-Up Banners

Information about recruiting and more can be found at [NCBSA.org/JoinScoutingNight](http://NCBSA.org/JoinScoutingNight)



# 4. Planning Your Program

It's easy to see what keeps Scouts in the program. They like to have fun, do cool and challenging stuff, go places, and learn new things. That is what we call program, and it doesn't just happen by chance. It 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, and you can add your own rules too:

- It is important to 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.

Your plan will be a living, breathing document. For it to have real value, you must follow it, share it, and review it regularly to make any necessary changes. Good luck on another great year, and don't forget to share your plan and calendar with every Scout family!

## Council Planning Events:

Several times during the year, the council offers events to unit leaders to specifically discuss planning.

### **BOOM Event**

The BOOM event is a one stop shop to make sure you start your Scouting year off right. Held in June it is a council wide event to help your unit make Scouting Thrive! Volunteers like you teach sessions on how to increase your membership. Booths in the Scouting Expo give you some tips and advice to include in your yearly planning meeting. Your yearly calendar should include plenty of program, but also your budget, camp experiences, Friends of Scouting presentations, membership drives, and advancement and recognition.

If that sounds like a lot don't worry! There are plenty of Scouting volunteers at the district and council that are willing and able to assist you in making sure your Scouting journey is excellent. The BOOM event is a great opportunity to meet and engage with other volunteers like you.

Learn how to make your membership explode at [NCBSA.org/BOOM](https://www.ncbsa.org/BOOM)

### **Launch Party**

All Scout leaders, especially Unit leaders, Committee Chairs, New Member Coordinators, and Popcorn Kernels are invited to this great event! Get ready for fall recruitment, pick up your recruitment materials, and learn the best way to use them. Units can pick up their Popcorn kits as they get ready to fund another year of Scouting!

Stay in the know at [NCBSA.org/Launch](https://www.ncbsa.org/Launch)

### **Thrive Drive**

December's Thrive Drive will provide the tools to ensure your Scouts get a first-class program. We'll help you:

- plan how to get more Scouts crossover from Packs to Troops;
- develop a succession plan to ensure your Scouts have enough trained leaders;
- amp up your program with tips and tricks from your fellow volunteers;
- understand how your unit can help more youth and their families enjoy the experiences that makes Scouting is one of the most powerful youth leadership programs in the world.

Find out how to make Scouting Thrive at [NCBSA.org/ThriveDrive](https://www.ncbsa.org/ThriveDrive)

# **Council-Wide Events**

The Narragansett Council hosts many exciting events every year! Keep up-to-date on what's happening at [NCBSA.org/Calendar](https://www.ncbsa.org/calendar)

**Klondike Derby** – A weekend long competitive event which uses Klondike Gold Rush themes to complete a sledge racecourse made up of multiple “TOWNS”. This is a great outdoor opportunity for all Scouts to showcase their teamwork, leadership and Scouting skills!

**Pinewood Derby** – The Pinewood Derby is one of the most fun events in Cub Scouting. Scouts get to work with parents and leaders to design, create and race unpowered wooden cars against fellow Cub Scout. Top finishers from each local event will be invited to compete in one of the Regional Pinewood Derby events.

**Highland Games** – Prove your unit is the best in all the Highland by competing in this weekend long Highland themed camporee complete with unique contests of skill and strength including caber toss, tomahawk throws and bagpipe construction.

**King Champlin's Horse-o-ree** – Come one Come all Scouts BSA Troops to King Champlin's Horse-o-ree! Compete in the Pitmaster Cook-off! Complete requirements for Cooking and Horsemanship Merit Badges! Perhaps we may even be graced with a visit from the exalted ruler, King Champlin himself!

**Chuckwagon Race** - Cubs compete for ribbons at stations that test traditional Cub Scout skills as well as stations that are just for fun. Cubs will travel with their wagon from station to station attempting different skills. Once the race is over Webelos are invited to join us at Cub World for the Webelos Overnighter to have fun and work on the Webelos Adventure elective.

**Earth Day Cleanup** – Gather your Troop/Pack and families and come out to one of our Camps and work together to keep Earth clean. Participants will help with cleaning brush, raking leaves, trail maintenance and more! Earn service hours while helping us get ready for another awesome camping season.

**Summer Event At Cachalot (SEAC)** – An action-packed weekend where you can experience all the best of a week at summer camp in one eventful weekend. Take part in shooting sports, waterfront, field games, boating and much more. This event is for all troops, packs and families. All meals are provided in the dining hall just like camp! Don't miss the last summer event of the season!

**Merit Badge College** – Merit Badge College is an opportunity to learn from subject matter experts in career or lifelong hobby subjects. We seek out experts in areas that may be difficult for you to find such as Electronics and Archeology.

**Operation Be Prepared** – This weekend is geared for Scouts who need to earn either their First Aid or Emergency Preparedness Merit Badges. Participant may come as Individuals, patrols, or troops. There are some prerequisites to keep in mind. All participants should be familiar with the subject material.

**Covered Wagon** - The famous Covered Wagon event is day event designed for Cub Scout Dens and/or Packs at beautiful Camp Norse. During the day Cubs will go from activity to activity with their own designed "covered wagon." Scouts and parents will work together as a team in a various games and Scout skill stations, they will build learn skills along the way and have a WAGON of fun!

**Beyond the Basics Camporees** – Focusing on specific skills for Scouts BSA, these camporees happen throughout the year.

**Scouting for Food** – The Narragansett Council's annual food drive to help families in need in your community.

**Holiday Fun Day at Yawgoog** – Come out and join us for a great outdoor family event! We will have crafts, a hay ride, fields games and of course your picture taken with SANTA. This is also a chance to introduce new families to Scouting. This is a free event and intended for the WHOLE FAMILY!

**Super STEM Saturday** – Super STEM Saturday is designed to expose and engage kids of all ages and their families to the diverse and exciting fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, known as STEM disciplines. Explore interactive demonstrations and hands-on science activities at Super STEM Saturday including rocket launches, build-a-robot stations, model displays, scientist chats and an obstacle course.

**Cub Scout College** – A fun and exciting event where all Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos Scouts will learn new skills and work on up to 4 elective adventures to earn Belt Loops (Webelos work on 2 electives) and most importantly have fun!



**Volunteer Appreciation Day** - The volunteers that give their time to serve our Scouts are the reason why Scouting is thriving in the Narragansett Council. Volunteer leaders and their families will enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and fun in our open program environment. Activities will include; BB, Archery, Boating, Field Games and more! Come compete for the Narragansett Council Cup.

**School Vacation Merit Badge Opportunities**- Each winter and spring school vacation we work with our community partners to offer a variety of merit badge courses.

## Community Partners

The Narragansett Council is proud to partner with partners throughout Southeastern New England to offer unique opportunities for Scouts and their families. These exciting and family friendly events are offered at a discounted price. Our partners include the Boston Museum of Science, the Pawsox, the PBruins, and Battleship Cove and more!

For more information, visit [NCBSA.org/CommunityPartners](https://www.ncbsa.org/CommunityPartners)

## Camperships

Camping and other outdoor activities are an essential part of Scouting. Indeed, it is impossible to enjoy the full benefits of the Scouting program without attending Cub Scout Day Camp, Cub Resident Camp, Webelos Resident Camp, and Scouts BSA Summer Camp!

The Narragansett Council feels so strongly about the outdoor program that a commitment was made that no young person should be denied a camp experience due to financial constraints. To that end, a Campership Fund has been established to assist our Scouting families.

We sincerely hope to see every Cub Scout, Webelos Scout, and Scouts BSA member in one of our camping programs this summer.

The online form is available at [NCBSA.org/Camperships](https://www.ncbsa.org/Camperships)

## Camp Staff

Each summer over 250 individuals are hired across our three Cub Camps and Yawgoog Scout Reservation. Older Scouts and adult leaders can immerse themselves in the culture of Scouting in the Narragansett Council.

Share the experience of camp with the next generation of Scouters! Learn about leadership, build friendships, and have fun doing it!

Opportunities are available at [NCBSA.org/CampStaff](https://www.ncbsa.org/CampStaff)





## **Scouts BSA Summer Camp**

### **Yawgoog Scout Reservation**

Founded in 1916 as “A Scout Adventureland Forever,” Camp Yawgoog is situated on 1800 acres of beautiful wilderness in Rockville, Rhode Island. Yawgoog is divided into three separate camps: Three Point, Medicine Bow and Sandy Beach. All three camps share reservation program facilities. For example, the Nature Center is located in Camp Three Point, but is available to all Scouts on the Reservation. Each Camp has its own traditions, colors, songs and cheers – but all three camps offer the same opportunities to Scouts. The atmosphere of healthy camp competition is a unique aspect of the Yawgoog experience.

### **YAWGOOG LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

A top-notch junior leadership training program!

The Yawgoog Leadership Experience is a two-week program designed to help Scouts grow in self-confidence and self-direction, develop leadership ability and the strengths expected of a leader. This program affords them the opportunity to test their merit as a potential staff member as well as giving them an excellent leadership training program to better their unit and community.

### **FUN, FRIENDS, ADVENTURE**

Come to Camp Without Your Troop!

Fun, Friends, Adventure is held in Campsite Baden Powell, located in Medicine Bow. This provisional program is run by Yawgoog staff members who serve as Scoutmaster, Asst. Scoutmaster, and Senior Patrol Leaders.

Fun, Friends, Adventure is made up of Scouts whose troops do not attend Yawgoog, are unable to attend with their troop, want more time at camp to work on advancement and skills, or just to have another week of fun.

Scouts in this program have the same opportunities as Scouts camping with their troop. Fun, Friends, Adventure runs weeks 1-8. Scouts may attend as many weeks as they wish. Each week has a different Theme!

Find out about these programs and more at [Yawgoog.org](http://Yawgoog.org)



## **Cub Scout Summer Camp**

### **Cub Scout Summer Camp Adventures**

Cub Scout Summer Camp Adventures is one of the best ways to kick-start your camping experience. Each year our program theme changes, with different sub themes each week, so the adventure at summer camp is never the same two weeks in a row! We have four ways for Cub Scouts, families, and packs to enjoy these fun adventures:

#### **Family Camp**

Have your first adventure with us! Trained staff are there to make your weekend outdoors one to remember for years to come. Meals, camping, and activities included for the whole family. Sessions run from Friday at 5:30pm until Sunday at 11:00am. This program is only offered at Camp Norse, and there are 5 sessions throughout the summer. Families are invited to register by themselves, or as a Pack.

#### **Day Camp**

This is the signature Cub Scout summer camp experience! Scouts have the opportunity to complete their Adventure requirements while spending time exploring one of our three fantastic properties! Camp Champlin and Camp Norse offer eight weeks to choose from, and Camp Aquapaug runs five weeks of program. Each day runs from approximately 9am-4pm, with extended care and bussing available for your convenience. Scouts are invited to attend with their pack, or by themselves! Parents are invited to volunteer for the week and enjoy Day Camp with their Scout.

#### **Webelos Weekend**

Only available at Camp Norse, this weekend overnight program is designed for pack leadership to bring their Webelos dens to work on their Adventure electives and begin to experience the patrol method of Scouts BSA. Meals, Adventure instructors, and other activities are provided.

#### **Webelos Outdoor Adventure**

This event, only at Yawgoog Scout Reservation, is a fantastic introduction to the Scouts BSA program while providing the additional adult supervision and structure still needed by the Cub Scouts. Troop leaders should utilize this program to better prepare their Webelos Dens for the Troop experience. We recommend coordinating weeks and having your Scouts BSA troop and Webelos den camp the same week.

Den Leaders are welcome to attend but are not required. Parents wishing to attend need to be registered with the BSA and provide proof of Youth Protection Training at check-in. A den or pack sending four or more Scouts will be allowed to have one leader stay the week for free. Half week sessions are available (Sunday through Wednesday evening or Wednesday through Sunday).

Find out about these events and more at [NCBSA.org/CubCamp](https://www.ncbsa.org/CubCamp)

# Weekend Camping

The Narragansett Council has nine great properties available for Scouting throughout the year. These properties are spread across the council, so there's sure to be one near you!

Most importantly, all tent camping is FREE for any Narragansett Council unit! Small fees are still required for cabin and adirondack lean-to's. Reservations should be made online. All camps are closed for major holidays.



**Camp Aquapaug:** Located in West Kingston, RI, Camp Aquapaug is a Scouting treasure. With shelters and coordinating tent sites, Aquapaug is a great site for camping of all ages! Many sites are located on the waterfront of Worden Pond and canoe rentals are available. During the summer, Aquapaug functions as one of our three Day Camp locations.

**Buck Hill Scout Reservation:** Located in Pascoag, RI near the Buck Hill Management Area on the waterfront of Wakefield Pond, it is a great camp to work on basic scout skills throughout the entire year. Buck Hill is home to the largest cabin on any of our council properties, Hamilton Lodge, which is a great cabin for large Troops or Packs hosting family camping events.



**Cachalot Scout Reservation:** Sprawling across 880 acres nestled in the Myles Standish State Forest, Cachalot Scout Reservation is an outdoorsman's wonderland! there are an abundance of hiking as well as biking trails throughout the camp. Cachalot offers a beautiful waterfront on the crystal clear Five Mile Pond for boating and fishing activities.

**Camp Buxton:** One of the smaller camps within Narragansett Council, Camp Buxton is centrally located in Rehoboth, MA. It's location and facilities, like the Activity Pavilion and Amphitheater, make it a great option for field days, camporees, and ceremonies.



**Champlin Scout Reservation:** A Scout camp in your own backyard! Nestled in Cranston, RI, Champlin can accommodate camping and programs of all types. The multiple fields are great for fun activities or ceremonial use. The 1-2 miles of walking trails around camp that are well marked and easy to follow for all ages. During the summer, Champlin functions as one of our three Day Camp locations.

**Cub World Youth Camp:** Cub World is an outstanding, unique campground designed to stimulate the imagination of Cub Scouts to the fullest! Located on Wakefield Pond in the Buck Hill Scout Reservation in Burrillville, Rhode Island, the camp is divided into theme areas with buildings designed to match: Lighthouse High Seas Adventure, Bridgeton Medieval Castle and Webelos Woods tent area.



**Camp Norse:** This 325 wooded acre facility is located along Darby Pond and surrounded by cranberry bogs in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Camp Norse is full of beautifully wooded tent sites, medium and large heated cabins, and adirondack lean-tos. Other facilities include a ballfield, dining hall, amphitheater, and Fort Magee, Narragansett Council's only stockade style fort. Camp Norse uniquely offers reservations for shooting sports during the weekends. During the summer, Norse functions as one of our three Day Camp locations.

**Sandsland Reservation:** This is the only camping available on Block Island! Sandsland is a primitive camping area consisting of 3 campsites on 34 acres. It is bordered by State and private land and an area known as the Great Swamp. This is a popular location for only Troops and Crews to use as a base camp as they enjoy the many activities the Island has to offer. This location is the only site which charges a rental fee for tent camping.



**Yawgoog Scout Reservation:** Yawgoog is the premier Scout Summer Camp in the northeast. When not in operation as a summer camp, Yawgoog has many off-season facilities that bring you back to the camp you love! In the off-season there are cabins, adirondack lean-tos, tent sites, and many acres of hiking trails. Yawgoog is available for camping reservations from September through mid-April.

# 5. Funding your Scouting Program

Scouting is one of the most affordable programs for families to take part in. With all the new skills learned, friends made, and fun, it is definitely the best return on your investment. The Scout Law teaches Scouts to be thrifty and earn their own way. Through popcorn sales, the Narragansett Council offers Scouts the opportunity to earn their way in Scouting while gaining confidence, learning salesmanship and attaining a sense of accomplishment.

## Unit Money Earning Applications

A unit must submit a Unit Money Earning Application to the council prior to any fundraiser outside of popcorn. The application is available from our website and should be submitted to your District Executive 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](#)" as your guide. It will be helpful to you as you fill out the 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.

For more information, consult your District Executive. The application and more finance resources are available at [NCBSA.org/FinanceResources](https://www.ncbsa.org/FinanceResources)

## Popcorn

Every Scout should learn the value of hard work and earning their own way. The popcorn sale is the perfect opportunity to teach this valuable life lesson and to fund the most exciting year of Scouting ever. Over 70% of the popcorn sale stays local to support Scouting! The Narragansett Council does all the pre-work to set up the sale, eliminating the need for your unit to research opportunities, calculate returns on sales, create sales and promotional materials, manage a relationship with a vendor, etc. This makes the sale risk free as you only pay for what you sell. We accept returns of unsold product! The popcorn sale helps support the council, our camps, and allows us to offer new and exciting programs for your Scouts. Scouts gain confidence, salesmanship, communication skills, and a sense of accomplishment. The popcorn sale is not about selling popcorn; it's also about promoting Scouting and the Scouting ideals!

Learn more at [NCBSA.org/Popcorn](https://www.ncbsa.org/Popcorn)

## Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting is the annual campaign where the Narragansett Council asks Scouting families, businesses, and civic-minded citizens to support our mission of providing Scouting programs to thousands of young people in Southeastern New England.

### Why should I give to Friends of Scouting?

The Friends of Scouting campaign provides a portion of the funds needed to support the Narragansett Council's camps, programs, and facilities for a calendar year. These camping and training facilities are the "outdoor classrooms" in which Scouts have fun, learn leadership skills, and develop into better young men and women. Most importantly, Friends of Scouting gives every child in Southeastern New England 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 National Office to provide insurance and national support. If your child's unit collects dues, that money stays with the unit to help pay for trips and activities. The Friends of Scouting campaign helps the Narragansett Council pay for:

- Maintaining and staffing the council's nine camping properties;
- Training thousands of adult volunteer leaders;
- Increased marketing efforts to encourage more youth to join Scouting;
- Other recruitment support like, flyers, yard signs, and the BB and archery ranges;
- Camp scholarships to Scouts needing assistance;
- Serving youth in at-risk areas,
- Developing communication to better support unit programs;

If you have any questions, or to schedule your Friends of Scouting presentation, please contact your District Executive.

# 6. Planning Your Year

Check out this monthly list of the most important Scouting events over the next year!

## June 2019

### Events

#### **BOOM Event (Membership, Popcorn, Scouting Expo)**

Learn how to grow your unit, expand your program and fund your adventures for free. This year the event is the combination of the annual program kickoff, fall membership campaign kickoff and popcorn kickoff events.

There will be a general opening for everyone and then we'll break off into membership OR popcorn sessions for the remainder of the evening.

Learn more and register at [NCBSA.org/Boom](http://NCBSA.org/Boom)

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#### *Things to Remember:*

Attend Fall Recruitment Event (BOOM event)  
Order Recruitment Materials  
Sign Up for Popcorn  
Update your BeAScout pin

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#### **Camp Begins with Family Camp at Camp Norse**

A weekend of adventure for the whole family!

This is a 3-day, 2-night resident camp experience for the whole family. It is one of the only times Cub Scouts have the ability to choose exactly what they want to do and when they want to do it.

We provide a safe and fun environment for Cub Scouts to explore while maintaining offerings for every age group - older siblings and parents included! It is also a great way to experience camping for the first time, as staff are available to help you every step of the way.

Learn more at [NCBSA.org/CubCamp](http://NCBSA.org/CubCamp)



#### **Volunteer Appreciation Day**

The volunteers that give their time to serve our Scouts are the reason why Scouting is thriving in the Narragansett Council. We'd like to personally thank every one of our registered leaders at the Volunteer Appreciation Day. Volunteer leaders and their families will enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and fun in our open program environment at Camp Champlin on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Activities will include; BB, Archery, Boating, Field Games and more.

In addition, our volunteers will also have the opportunity to compete in two different contests for great prizes; a dessert baking competition and our annual Narragansett Council Cup Competition that is exclusively open to our volunteer leaders.

Learn more at [NCBSA.org/Appreciation](http://NCBSA.org/Appreciation)

### **Be Prepared.**

Are your medical forms completed for summer camp?  
Make sure families are aware of any summer activities your unit has planned.





## July 2019

### Events

#### **Yawgoog Scout Reservation**

Scouting is at its best at camp! Summer Camp at Yawgoog Scout Reservation is the perfect place for Scouts BSA to learn new skills, self-confidence, and songs. It gives youth the ability to grow, gain resiliency, and make friends in an exciting environment.

#### **Fun Friends Adventure @ Yawgoog**

Youth can attend with their Troops or take advantage of all of our program opportunities by attending Yawgoog Scout Reservation without their unit with the Fun Friends Adventure Camp.

Come make new memories! Learn more at [Yawgoog.org](http://Yawgoog.org)

#### **Cub Scout Day Camp and Family Camp**

Day Camp is a great way for your son or daughter to experience the thrill of the outdoors and a good introduction to independence from mom & dad without being too far from home and a great way to avoid [summer learning loss](#). The week-long program fills each day with Scouting adventures and the experiences. Day Camps are geographically located throughout the Narragansett Council for the convenience of all Scouting families.

Each week offers a unique theme and program and Scouts who sign up for a second week receive a discount! Check out all there is!

Learn more at [NCBSA.org/CubCamp](http://NCBSA.org/CubCamp)

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### *Things to remember*

Finalize your Annual Program Plan

Sign up for additional weeks of summer camp and Cub Scout Day Camp

Share your Scouting Story! (Facebook, Instagram, Survey)

Are you taking pictures of your Scouts Scouting? Share them with us

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### **Be Prepared.**

Make sure your new leaders understand the importance of training and how to find the in-person training through [NCBSA.org/Training](http://NCBSA.org/Training)

Sign up for the Fall Launch Party to collect the membership materials ordered at the BOOM





## **August 2019**

### **Events**

#### **Fall Launch Party**

Come join the party! The Narragansett Council is inviting all Scouting leaders Popcorn

Kernels, New Member Coordinators, and Membership Chairs to pick up their fall recruitment material orders and popcorn kits and have a good time!

- Have you started preparing for Scouting for food?
- Have you submitted your popcorn orders?
- Get trained on how to use the archery range and BB range

Food, drink, and GaGa pit provided!

Find out more at [NCBSA.org/Launch](https://www.ncbsa.org/launch)

#### **More Summer Camp**

Did you know that extra weeks of camp for your Scout are more affordable than ever? Yawgoog Scout Reservation and our Cub Scout Camps all offer discounts for additional weeks!

Find out more at [NCBSA.org/Camp](https://www.ncbsa.org/camp)

## **Be Prepared.**

### **Fall Recruitment Campaign**

Scouting is more fun with your friends. Beginning in August, and running throughout the entire fall, units across the council will recruit thousands of new families to join in the fun and adventure of Scouting. In addition to the council's fall recruiting plan, units are encouraged to share their program with their Chartered Organizations and hold their own "Bring a Friend" events that show just how fun Scouting is.

Have you booked a school for the join Scouting Night?

### **Stay in the Know!**

Make sure your leaders and parents know how to obtain the latest information about District and Council programs by including the following on all district communications: Council

Communications: [NCBSA.org](https://www.ncbsa.org) | [facebook.com/NCBSA](https://www.facebook.com/NCBSA)

Are you signed up for the [Council electronic newsletter](#)?

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### *Things to Remember*

- Organize new Dens and install new Den Leaders
  - Sign up for Fall Cub Scout Family Camping Weekends
  - Plan your Unit Popcorn Kick Off
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## **September 2019**

### **Events**

#### **Roundtables Return!**

The monthly Roundtables are a great networking event where leaders learn from other volunteers to gain new ideas and stay up to date on what's new in Scouting.

This month's big topic is on the "New Member Coordinator" position and how it can help your unit recruit and retain new families!

#### **Summer Event At Cachalot**

Come on down to Cachalot this and experience this great event! It's all the best of a week of summer camp in one action-packed, eventful weekend. Take part in shooting sports, waterfront, field games, boating and much more at this last event of the Summer!

#### **Webelos Woods & Webelos-Ree**

Webelos Woods and Webelos-ree are camp outs designed to introduce Webelos to the many outdoor adventures of Scouts BSA. These awesome weekend events include patrol-method camping and Scout activities. On Saturday morning, Webelos Scout patrols will visit skill stations (first aid, fire building, camping skills, games, knots) where Boy Scout Troops will be teaching basic Boy Scout skills.

It's a great chance for your Webelos to meet and experience Scouts BSA!

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#### *Things to remember*

Turn in new applications within 48 hours of your recruitment events and get slime for all of your new Scouts

Popcorn Distribution

Make sure new families are filling out the parent survey

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## **Be Prepared.**

### **Youth Protection**

The Boy Scouts of America is dedicated to the principle of protecting youth from harm. To maintain a secure environment for our youth members, the BSA developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders online, video, and print resources. Youth Protection Training (YPT) is required for all leaders to be registered with the BSA and must be retaken every two years. This course may be taken through [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org).

For more information, visit [Scouting.org/YouthProtection](https://scouting.org/YouthProtection)

**Begin planning for recharter** by collecting registration fees, keeping an accurate roster, identifying recharter chair person, and setting up a meeting with your Charter Representative and Chartered Organization to sign the completed charter in November.



## October 2019

### Roundtable

The big topic for the October Roundtable is on “Unit Promotion using Social Media”

### Events

#### Operation: Be Prepared

This annual Scouts BSA Emergency Preparedness Weekend is hosted by Yawgoog Scout Reservation. It is geared for Scouts who need to earn either the First Aid or Emergency Preparedness merit badges. Come find out what it means to “Be Prepared.”

#### Covered Wagon

The famous Covered Wagon event is day event designed for Cub Scout Dens and/or Packs at beautiful Camp Norse in Kingston, MA. During the day Cubs will go from activity to activity with their own designed "covered wagon" (fancy radio flyer wagon). Scouts and parents will work together as a team in a various games and Scout skill stations, they will learn along the way and have a WAGON full of fun!

#### Scouting for Food

Each year, the Narragansett Council continues its Scouting for Food: Good Turn drive. For over 30 consecutive years, Scouters have come together to help food banks feed the hungry in our communities. Through 2018, **more than 9.5 million** pounds of food have been collected through your good turn efforts.

The Narragansett Council asks all Scouters to pitch in to help their communities.

Door hangers are distributed at the October Roundtables.

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#### Things to remember

Make sure that leaders are position trained!  
Scouting for Food begins!

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## Be Prepared.

### Recharter Materials Sent

This year's new rechartering access code is sent. Units should be confirming their rosters and collecting dues to renew membership for the next year. Completed recharter packets can be turned in as soon as they're completed.

**Be sure to check the council calendar for all up to date event information**





## **November 2019**

### **Roundtable**

This month's roundtable will focus on "working with Local Community Groups and Schools."

### **Events**

#### **Scouting for Food pick up**

Units need to revisit locations where they distributed flyers to collect any donations to bring to their distribution centers.

More information available at [NCBSA.org/ScoutingforFood](https://www.ncbsa.org/ScoutingforFood)

#### **Family fun Day at Norse**

All Cub Scout families and friends are welcome to join us at Camp Norse for a fun-filled day! There will be activities to help prepare you to be a SUPER Cub Scout, such as BB guns, archery, crafts, Scout skills, games, and more!

This event is **FREE** for all new Cub Scouts! And, if a current Cub Scout brings a friend to join they will both be **FREE!**

#### **Popcorn Take orders due**

The annual popcorn sale is winding down! Take orders due, final order from your Scouts individual sales due online, and final pick up of Show and Sell orders.

For more information visit [NCBSA.org/Popcorn](https://www.ncbsa.org/Popcorn)

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#### **Things to remember**

Unit Rechartering for 2020 should be completed  
Select Webelos-to-Scout Transition Chairs  
Pinewood Derby Sale at the Scout Shop

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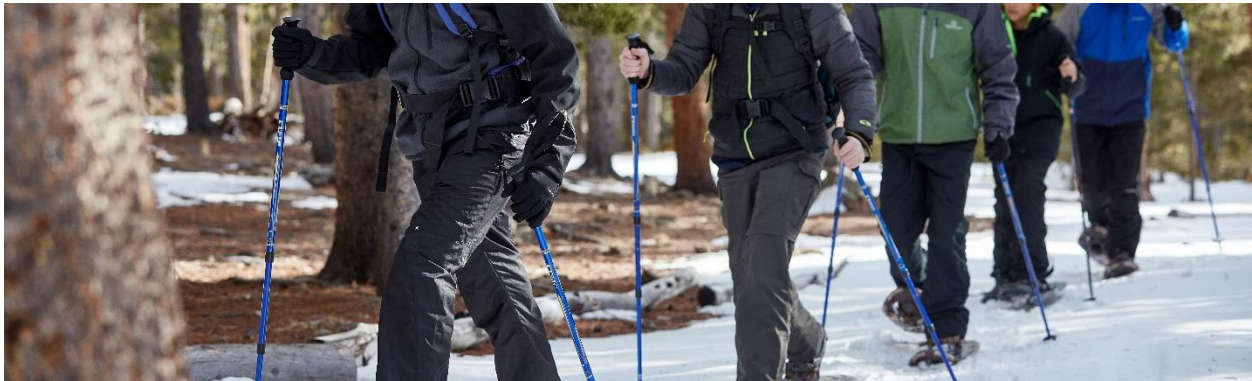
### **Be Prepared.**

Submit your Silver Beaver Nominations for outstanding service to the Narragansett Council

Sign up to attend the Thrive Drive in December

Register for Merit Badge College at Rhode Island College

Watch out for all the great Scout Shop Sales!



## **December 2019**

### **Events**

#### **Recharter Turn in Day**

If your unit hasn't turned in their Recharter Packet yet it is due on the First Saturday in December!

Resources are available at [NCBSA.org/Recharter](https://www.ncbsa.org/Recharter)

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#### **Things to remember**

Register for University of Scouting  
Set Friends of Scouting presentation date  
Complete Journey to Excellence scorecard

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#### **Super Stem Saturday**

Come and enjoy a day of Fun at Rhode Island College for Super STEM Saturday! It features 3 great tracks: Wicked Water, Awesome Air, and Lively Land. All Cub Scouts, siblings, and friends welcome!

#### **Holiday fun day at Yawgoog**

Come join us for a great outdoor family event. This is also a great opportunity to introduce new families to Scouting. All Scouts, parents and siblings attend for free! We will also have registration tables to have your new Scout sign up on the day of the event.

We will provide snacks, fun and exciting programs, and **HOT CHOCOLATE!**

#### **Thrive Drive**

The Narragansett Council is hosting the Thrive Drive. This great event will provide the tools to ensure your Scouts get a first-class program. We'll help you:

- plan how to get more Scouts crossover from Packs to Troops;
- develop a succession plan to ensure your Scouts have enough trained leaders;
- gain tricks for amping up your program;
- understand how your unit can help more youth and their families enjoy the experiences that makes Scouting is one of the most powerful youth leadership programs in the world.

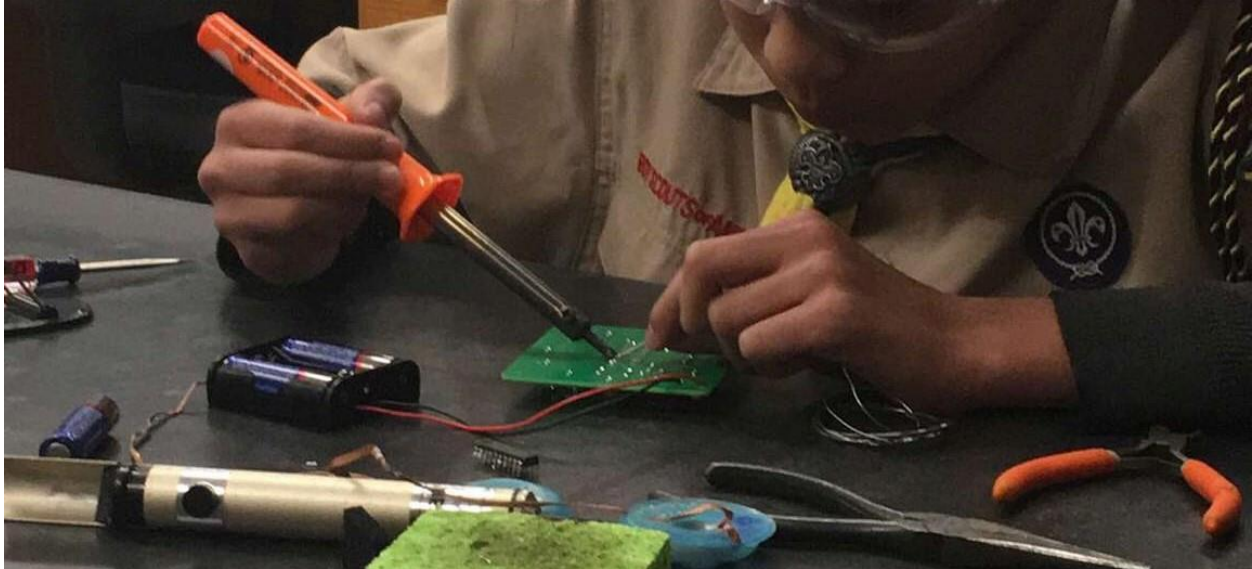
All Scouts deserve the very best program full of fun, friends and adventure.

Learn more at [NCBSA.org/Thrive](https://www.ncbsa.org/Thrive)

## **Be Prepared.**

Help a Scout in your community through the Giving Tree at the Scout shops during this holiday season.

Work with your Quarter master to perform a year-end inspection.



## **January 2020**

### **Roundtable**

The big topic for the January roundtable is on the "Arrow of Light – Scouts BSA Transition," how Packs and Troops work together

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#### **Things to remember**

Camp Staff positions open.  
FOS Presentations begin

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### **Events**

#### **Merit Badge College**

The Merit Badge College is an opportunity to learn from subject matter experts in career or lifelong hobby subjects. We seek out experts in areas that may be difficult for you to find such as Electronics or Archeology.

Learn more and register at [NCBSA.org/MBC](https://www.ncbsa.org/mbc)

#### **Klondike Derby Season**

A Klondike derby is a weekend long competitive event which uses Klondike Gold Rush themes to complete a sledge racecourse made up of multiple "Towns."

Teams of 4-7 Scouts are pitted against other Scouts and the clock. There are events available for Cub Scouts, Webelos, Scouts BSA, Venture Crews, Ships, and Explorers! Scouts can register as a unit or individually to be teamed up at the event.

Learn more at [NCBSA.org/Klondike](https://www.ncbsa.org/klondike)

#### **Cub Scout College**

Cub Scout College is a fun and exciting event where all Lions, Tiger Cubs, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Scouts have the opportunity to learn new skills, work on up to four elective adventures (2 for Webelos) and most importantly – HAVE FUN!

## **Be Prepared.**

Plan your Webelos to Scouts BSA Crossover Ceremony.

Cub Scout Camp registrations open





## **February 2020**

### **Events**

#### **Winter Break Merit Badge Courses**

Looking for a great winter break activity for you Scout? We offer merit badge classes each day during vacation week!

See what's available on our Council Calendar. [NCBSA.org/Calendar](https://www.ncbsa.org/Calendar)

#### **University of Scouting**

The University of Scouting is a fun-filled, hands-on opportunity or network and gain skills to improve your Scouts' experience. This one-day supplemental training event was created for all Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Exploring and Venturing leaders. Sessions are led by professionals and Volunteers who will enhance your ability or show your Scouts more adventure, make them more effective leaders, and keep them engaged.

Choose from over 35 courses with an emphasis on programs, skills, and resources to deliver high quality opportunities to the Scouting youth.

Learn more at [NCBSA.org/UofS](https://www.ncbsa.org/UofS)

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#### **Things to remember**

Reserve your spot for Cub Scout Overnight Camp  
Order of the Arrow elections  
Scout Sunday/ Shabbat

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### **Be Prepared.**

Design and build your Pinewood Derby Car

Scouts BSA troops should plan their spring recruitment events

Sign up for National Youth Leader Training

Yawgoog Scout Reservation summer camp site reservations are due March 1<sup>st</sup>.



## **March 2020**

### **Roundtable**

The big topic for the March Roundtable is “Leadership Recruitment and Retention,” or how to find the best leaders for their right roles.

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#### **Things to remember**

Sign up for BOOM event  
This is Scouts BSA recruitment month!

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### **Events**

#### **Pinewood Derby Season**

The pinewood derby is one of the most fun events in Cub Scouting. Scouts get to work with parents and leaders to design, create, and race unpowered wooden cars against fellow Cub Scouts.

The top finishers from each local event will be invited to one of the regional Pinewood Derby events.

Check out the rules at [NCBSA.org/Pinewood](https://www.ncbsa.org/Pinewood)

#### **Community Partner Events**

The Narragansett Council is proud to partner with partners throughout Southeastern New England to offer unique opportunities for Scouts and their families. These exciting and family friendly events are offered at a discounted price. Our partners include the Museum of Science, the Pawsox, the PBruins, and Battleship Cove.

For more information, visit [NCBSA.org/CommunityPartners](https://www.ncbsa.org/CommunityPartners)

### **Be Prepared.**

Collect medical forms for all summer camp programs.

Make sure Cub Scout to Scouts BSA transfer applications are completed and submitted.



## **April 2020**

### **Roundtable**

The big topic for the April Roundtable is “Year-Round Scouting,” Or how to

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#### **Things to remember**

Sign up for Cub Scout Day and Family Camps  
Sign up for the annual Popcorn Sale  
Fund your Scouting Adventure with Popcorn!

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### **Events**

#### **Spring Break Day Camp**

For Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA School Vacation Camp is a fantastic Spring-Break getaway for your son or daughter. You can sign up for just a day or the entire week!

Scouts BSA Day Camp is an opportunity for Scouts BSA members to experience a Day Camp that is designed for their advancement needs. Participants will work in patrols with experienced camp staff who will guide them through advancement requirements for Scout through 1st Class ranks. Participants will receive a shirt that must be worn every day and a free patch.

#### **Earth Day Cleanup**

This is a great opportunity to work with our ranger team at Camp Champlin to: clean up from the winter, get ready for summer, and help protect our greatest resource, the Earth!

#### **Spring Break Merit Badges**

Looking for a great spring break activity for you Scout? We offer merit badge classes during vacation week!

#### **King Champlin’s Horse-o-ree**

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Come one Come all Scouts BSA Troops to King Champlin's Horse-o-ree! Compete in the Pitmaster Cook-off! Complete requirements for Horsemanship Merit Badge! Perhaps we may even be graced with a visit from the exalted ruler, King Champlin himself!

There'll be plenty of “horsing around!”

## **Be Prepared.**

### **Submitting District Award Nominations**

Everyone deserves a "Thank you" for a job well done!  
Each district finishes up their Scouting year by identifying volunteers who have shown exemplary service to their units and the district. This recognition reflects the achievements and commitment of these volunteers to Scouting and the youth of their communities. Units as a whole are also recognized for outstanding effort!

Your help is needed! Do you know a Scouter or unit in your district who might be deserving of one of these awards? Please let us know at [NCBSA.org/DistrictAwards](https://www.ncbsa.org/DistrictAwards)





## **May 2020**

### **Roundtable**

The big topic for the May Roundtable is on the "Guide to Safe Scouting," or what you should know when planning a Scouting event.

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#### **Things to remember**

Complete summer camp physicals  
Schedule unit planning meetings  
Complete fall leadership succession plan

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### **Events**

#### **Highland Games**

This is a Highland themed camporee complete with unique contests of skill and strength including caber toss, tomahawk throws, and bagpipe construction.

#### **Chuck Wagon**

Add another Belt loop to your collection! Cubs will earn loops at this overnighter at Cub World.

Cub Scouts compete for ribbons at stations that test traditional Cub Scouting Skills.

#### **Beyond the Basics Camporee**

Focusing on specific skills for Scouts BSA these camporees happen throughout the year.

Stay in the loop through our Council Calendar [NCBSA.org/Calendar](https://www.ncbsa.org/calendar)

### **Be Prepared.**

Reservations for short term camping open

Register for the BOOM event

The Star-Spangled Season starts with Memorial Day and runs through Independence Day. Help your Scouters understand their Duty to country.

Visit [NCBSA.org/Flag](https://www.ncbsa.org/flag)

# 7. Appendix

## My.Scouting.org

Your one-stop shop for e-learning, online charter renewal, online registration, and more! To create your account and access your records you must create a login and password.

When you sign in for the first time, you are assigned a temporary Member ID. To update to your actual Member ID, from the My.Scouting.org menu select "Legacy Web Tools", scroll down to "Manage Member ID", select "546 Narragansett Council" and then add your ID number as it appears on the Membership Card you received from your Unit after registering. Set this number as primary.

### E-Learning

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

- Youth Protection Training
- Cub Scout and Scouts BSA Leader Training
- Troop Committee Challenge
- New Venturing Leader Training
- Weather Hazards
- Safe Swim Defense / Safety Afloat
- Climb on Safely
- Trek on Safely

### Other Functions of My.Scouting.org

- BeAScout management
- Youth Online Registration
- Internet Advancement 2.0
- Service Hours Reporting
- Unit, District, and Council Tools

### BeAScout.org

BeAScout.org is a nationally advertised website where families can enter their zip code and find units in their area. Unit leaders can, through My.Scouting.org, update the information on their unit's pin to share information important to prospective families, like meeting time and website or Facebook page.

### Online Registration

In My.Scouting.org units can allow families to sign their child up and submit their registration fee entirely online! By accepting the application through My.Scouting.org, unit leaders can avoid the hassles of extra trips to the Council Administrative Office and Scout Shops or keeping track of extra paperwork.

More information is available at [Scouting.org/OnlineRegistration](https://www.scouting.org/OnlineRegistration)

### Internet Advancement 2.0

For units who aren't using the free Scoutbook system, their unit Key-3 can enter advancements through the Internet Advancement 2.0 system. It's accessible through Legacy Tools on [My.Scouting.org](https://www.My.Scouting.org) or directly at [Scoutbook.Scouting.org](https://Scoutbook.Scouting.org)

Units can also empower additional leaders by assigning them functional positions through My.Scouting.org's Organization Security Manager.

### 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, sign into your my.scouting.org account, select "Menu", then scroll down to "Legacy Web Tools", select "Service Hours Reporting" and enter the hours here. You will need your Unit ID number.

# Scoutbook

Scoutbook.com is a **free** unit management system provided by the BSA. Setting up a new account is easy! Go to Scoutbook.com and log in using your My.Scouting.org login. The system should pair that information and connect you with your unit.

Parents can connect and track their Scout's advancement. Units can use the calendar function to schedule events. Also built-in is a messaging system to keep everyone in the loop!

For Scoutbook help visit: [Help.Scoutbook.com](http://Help.Scoutbook.com)

## Rechartering

Each year, Chartered Organizations and units must renew their agreement with the Narragansett Council and renew the membership of their members. This process is called Rechartering.

Internet Rechartering puts the power of accuracy in your hands. Each year your Unit will receive a new access code that only works for that recharter period. The system can be accessed beginning in October. Recharter packets are due by December.

More information can be found at [NCBSA.org/Recharter](http://NCBSA.org/Recharter)

## Narragansett Council Game Plan

Each year the Narragansett Council designs a game plan to set a strategy to make sure Scouting continues to thrive in Southeastern New England. Each volunteer can help us meet these goals by ensuring that your leaders are trained, reporting your advancements properly and sharing information about camping opportunities to your parents.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL

March 2019

Our GAME PLAN to MAKE SCOUTING THRIVE		"Scouting is one of the most beneficial programs available for youths today. It gives our children an advantage in life and prepares them for leadership, citizenship, and success." Lloyd Albert, Board President			
<b>The SCOUTING ADVANTAGE</b>	<b>Character &amp; Leadership</b> We provide the most RELEVANT and RIGOROUS character and leadership program available today. The way we deliver the program is UNIQUE, EFFECTIVE and it is our COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE. Scouting develops leaders that are good problem-solvers, community-minded, physically fit and that are prepared for success in life.				
<b>Vision 2022</b>	<b>Serve More Youth</b>	<b>Strengthen Adult Leadership</b>	<b>Deliver Adventure with a Purpose</b>	<b>Build Financial Sustainability</b>	<b>Market Scouting Effectively</b>
<b>Key Goal</b>	Increase market share from 7.2% on 12-31-18 to 8%	Improve the diversity (generational, gender, ethnicity, geography) of our board	Implement "Adventure Presentations" in 60% of units	Improve donor acquisition and retention through improved donor relations program	Increase social media followers, content and engagement
<b>Our CHALLENGES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of school access</li> <li>Some units have not adopted our new, successful promotion and recruitment strategies</li> <li>Some communities lack units</li> <li>Some markets (New Bedford, North Providence) have low awareness</li> <li>Low parental participation and financial resources in some communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteer and staff leadership do not adequately represent the ethnic diversity of our communities</li> <li>Parents are busier than ever</li> <li>Need new, innovative ways to recruit, train, and support volunteers</li> <li>Weak connection and engagement with alumni</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All programs need assessment towards meeting objectives</li> <li>Many facilities need updating to accommodate families</li> <li>More winterized facilities are needed</li> <li>Several aging facilities need updated or replaced</li> <li>Resources stretched too thin</li> <li>How to provide high adventure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 of 9 camps operate in the red</li> <li>Low donor retention in Friends of Scouting campaign</li> <li>Funding sources need diversification</li> <li>Depreciation of camps is unfunded</li> <li>Low performing popcorn sale</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reaching parents and youth through fast-changing media channels</li> <li>Overcome misperceptions and lack of awareness of Scouting by youth &amp; parents</li> <li>Communicating effectively and timely with leaders</li> <li>One Council—overcome divisions with council</li> </ul>
<b>Our 2019-2020 STRATEGY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen relationships with schools</li> <li>Continued innovation in recruiting</li> <li>Increase units with active membership chairs</li> <li>Improved recruitment training for unit leaders</li> <li>Establish new units in areas with need and potential</li> <li>Expand Scoutreach for urban and disadvantaged youth</li> <li>Grow Exploring to improve workforce development</li> <li>Rebrand Scouts BSA and launch 50 new girl troops</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve recruitment, onboarding and retention of volunteer leaders</li> <li>Strengthen units through Commissioner service</li> <li>Strengthen volunteer training delivery methods</li> <li>Full staff &amp; District Committees</li> <li>Build strong culture for staff &amp; volunteers</li> <li>Improve engagement of alumni through NESAs/Alumni programs and new Young Professionals Board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement 3 core/6 weekend camp strategic plan</li> <li>Comprehensive focus on safety at all levels</li> <li>Improved marketing for camps and activities</li> <li>Strengthen Cub Scout and Boy Scout advancement</li> <li>Expand older youth opportunities through Youth Leadership Committee</li> <li>Form a trained "Adventure Presentations" team</li> <li>Modernize facilities to accommodate families</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement donor relations and retention program</li> <li>Pursue alternative funding sources for camps (solar, CR's, other)</li> <li>Improve % of Scouting families that contribute</li> <li>Grow endowment contributions</li> <li>Diversify funding through Sporting Clays, Badge sponsorship, Online contributions, Eagle Scout Parent Fund</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present Scouting as the premiere youth and family program</li> <li>Grow and innovate marketing through social media</li> <li>Improve communication with volunteers and parents</li> <li>Improve marketing through key community events and parades</li> <li>Larger presence at Bristol 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade</li> </ul>
<b>Measured by JTE*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership Growth #5</li> <li>10,242 to 10,600 traditional youth by 12-31-19</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unit Leader Training #18</li> <li>Service Area Leadership #17</li> <li>Unit Support #15</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Camping #10 &amp; 11</li> <li>Advancement #8 &amp; #9</li> <li>Master Plans-Norse &amp; Champlin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fiscal Management #1</li> <li>Fundraising #2</li> <li>Endowment #3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve market share #4</li> <li># community event promotions</li> </ul>
<small>JTE = Journey to Excellence, the BSA's standards of excellence in program, leadership, and financial stewardship. The #'s refer to JTE excellence standards of achievement.</small>					



# 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, districts, and councils. It is meant to encourage excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA by being a roadmap for a successful Scouting year.

## 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 & Budgeting
- Membership growth and retention
- Program including advancement, outdoor activities/camping, and service projects
- Leadership recruitment and training



## How the Journey to Excellence Program Works

Each section awards points based on how effective the unit has been for that subject over the year. To achieve gold, silver, and bronze a unit will need to earn a minimum number of points in a minimum number of objectives.

This program is self-graded and used to help identify opportunities to improve the Scouting program at all levels.

## Journey to Excellence in Your District & Council

Councils and districts are recognized within the categories of finance, membership, program, unit service, and leadership and governance. The goal is to provide a strong, balanced program.

For a complete list of requirements for all programs, visit [Scouting.org/JTE](https://www.scouting.org/JTE)

# 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. Service to others is regarded as an important description of Commissioner Service.

## What Do Commissioners Do?

Commissioners are an extension of the council’s professional staff in service to chartered organizations and to units in the Narragansett Council. Commissioners provide help and guidance for rechartering 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, and national information to the local units to help leaders provide the best program available to their youth members.

## What is a Unit Commissioner?

A Unit Commissioner is an experienced volunteer Scouter who, through unit visits, works directly with unit volunteers to help them provide the highest quality Scouting program possible. They are coaches and friends to their units. 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.



Learn more at [NCBSA.org/Commissioners](https://www.ncbsa.org/Commissioners)

# What is Roundtable?

Roundtable is the best source of leader education and information for local Scouting. It is a monthly networking 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, network, and exchange ideas and information with other leaders from their district.
- Discuss topics of interest, both formally and informally.
- 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.

Roundtables are held in each district, typically during the second week of the month.

Roundtable schedules and more information can be found at [NCBSA.org/Roundtable](https://www.ncbsa.org/Roundtable)



## Sweet 16 of Scouting Safety

### 1. QUALIFIED SUPERVISION

Every BSA activity should be supervised by a conscientious adult who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of the children and youth in his or her care. The supervisor should be sufficiently trained, experienced, and skilled in the activity to be confident of his/her ability to lead and to teach the necessary skills and to respond effectively in the event of an emergency. Field knowledge of all applicable BSA standards and a commitment to implement and follow BSA policies and procedures are essential parts of the supervisor's qualifications.

### 2. PHYSICAL FITNESS

For youth participants in any potentially strenuous activity, the supervisor should receive a complete health history from a health-care professional, parent, or guardian. Adult participants and youth involved in higher-risk activity (e.g., scuba) may require professional evaluation in addition to the health history. The supervisor should adjust all supervision, discipline, and protection to anticipate potential risks associated with individual health conditions. Neither youth nor adults should participate in activities for which they are unfit. To do so would place both the individual and others at risk.

### 3. BUDDY SYSTEM

The long history of the buddy system in Scouting has shown that it is always best to have at least one other person with you and aware at all times as to your circumstances and what you are doing in any outdoor or strenuous activity.

### 4. SAFE AREA OR COURSE

A key part of the supervisor's responsibility is to know the area or course for the activity and to determine that it is well-suited and free of hazards.

### 5. EQUIPMENT SELECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Most activity requires some specialized equipment. The equipment should be selected to suit the participant and the activity and to include appropriate safety and program features. The supervisor should also check equipment to determine that it is in good condition for the activity and is properly maintained while in use.

### 6. PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT

The supervisor must ensure that every participant has and uses the appropriate personal safety equipment. For example, activity afloat requires a life jacket properly worn by each participant; bikers, horseback riders, and whitewater kayakers need helmets for certain activities; skaters may need protective gear; and all need to be dressed for warmth and utility depending on the circumstances.

## **7. SAFETY PROCEDURES AND POLICIES**

For most activities, there are common-sense procedures and standards that can greatly reduce the risk. These should be known and appreciated by all participants, and the supervisor must ensure compliance.

## **8. SKILL LEVEL LIMITS**

There is a minimum skill level requirement for every activity, and the supervisor must identify and recognize this minimum skill level and be sure that no participants are put at risk by attempting an activity beyond their ability. A good example of skill levels in Scouting is the venerable swim test, which defines conditions for safe swimming based on individual ability.

## **9. WEATHER CHECK**

The risk factors in many outdoor activities vary substantially with weather conditions. These variables and the appropriate response should be understood and anticipated.

## **10. PLANNING**

Safe activity follows a plan that has been conscientiously developed by the experienced supervisor or other competent source. Good planning minimizes risks and also anticipates contingencies that may require emergency response or a change of plan.

## **11. COMMUNICATIONS**

The supervisor needs to be able to communicate effectively with participants as needed during the activity. Emergency communications also need to be considered in advance for any foreseeable contingencies.

## **12. PLANS AND NOTICES**

Council office registration, government or landowner authorization, and any similar formalities are the supervisor's responsibility when such are required. Appropriate notification should be directed to parents, enforcement authorities, landowners, and others as needed, before and after the activity.

## **13. FIRST-AID RESOURCES**

The supervisor should determine what first-aid supplies to include among the activity equipment. The level of first-aid training and skill appropriate for the activity should also be considered. An extended trek over remote terrain obviously may require more first-aid resources and capabilities than an afternoon activity in the local community. Whatever is determined to be needed should be available.

## **14. APPLICABLE LAWS**

BSA safety policies generally run parallel or go beyond legal mandates, but the supervisor should confirm and ensure compliance with all applicable regulations or statutes.






## **15. CPR RESOURCE**

Any strenuous activity or remote trek could present a cardiac emergency. Aquatics programs may involve cardiopulmonary emergencies. The BSA strongly recommends that a CPR-trained person (preferably an adult) be part of the leadership for any BSA program. Such a resource should be available for strenuous outdoor activity.

## **16. DISCIPLINE**

No supervisor is effective if he or she cannot control the activity and the individual participants. Youth must respect their leader and follow his or her direction.

# Age Appropriate guidelines for Scouting Activities

<b>AGE-APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES FOR SCOUTING ACTIVITIES</b> <small>Age- and rank-appropriate guidelines have been developed based on the mental, physical, emotional, and social maturity of Boy Scouts of America youth members. These guidelines apply to Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews.</small>	 <b>TIGER CUBS</b> <small>(WITH ADULT PARTNER)</small>	 <b>WOLF/BEAR CUB SCOUTS</b>	 <b>WEBELOS SCOUTS</b>	 <b>BOY SCOUTS</b>	 <b>OLDER BOY SCOUTS, VARSITY SCOUTS, AND VENTURERS</b>
<b>VEHICLES</b>					
All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV)				Approved Council Use Only; No Unit Use	
Dirt Bikes					Venturers Only
Driving Derbies					
Personal Watercraft (PWC)				Approved Council Use Only; No Unit Use	
Snowmobiles					
<b>SHOOTING</b>					
.22 Rifle					
Air Rifle (Prestel Guns)			Webelos Resident Camp Only		
Archery—Field					
Archery—Target, Action (moving targets)			Council/District Outdoor Programs Only		
BB Guns			Council/District Outdoor Programs Only		
Catapults					
Large-Bore Rifles					Venturers Only
Muzzleloaders					
Pistols*					Venturers Only
Shotguns					
Slingshots			Council/District Outdoor Programs Only		
<b>CLIMBING</b>					
Belaying					
Bouldering					
Canopy Tours					
Caving (Other than simple, novice caving)					
Climbing—Commercial or Horizontal Wall					
Climbing—Rock					
Climbing—Vertical Wall or Tower					
Initiative Games					
Lead Climbing					
Project COPE				A Few Low-Course and High-Course Activities	
Rappelling					
Snow and Ice Climbing					
<b>AQUATICS</b>					
Canoeing—Flat Water			Council/District Outdoor Programs Only		
Canoeing—Flowing Water					
Kayaking—Flat Water				Council/District Outdoor Programs Only	
Kayaking—Flowing Water					
Motorboating—Adult Operated			Council/District Outdoor Programs Only		
Motorboating—Youth Operated					
Rafting—Flat Water			Council/District Outdoor Programs Only		
Rafting—Flowing Water					
Rowing—Flat Water			Council/District Outdoor Programs Only		
Rowing—Flowing Water					
Sailboarding					
Sailing—Adult Operated			Council/District Outdoor Programs Only		
Sailing—Youth Operated					
Scuba					
Snorkeling (In pool, certified water, all ages and activities are considered consistent, provided by a parent, adult partner, or Boy Scouts with appropriate supervision.)					
Surfing					
Swimming					
Tubing (Tubing in an inner tube)			Council/District Flat Water Events		
Tow Sports (Including water skiing, water skiing, kneeboarding, and tubing)					
<b>CAMPING</b>					
Day Camp					
Den Overnights					
Camporees					
Family Camping					
High Adventure					
Jamboree					
Parent/Son Overnights					
Resident Camp					
Weekend Overnights					

This pull-out sheet is designed to be easy to photocopy when you need multiple copies.  
 \*Exceptions may be made for authorized pilot programs operated by a council under a formal memorandum of understanding.

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## OUTDOOR SKILLS

Camporees			Visit Only		
Conservation Projects					
Cooking Outdoors					
Fire Building					
Fishing					
Fueled Devices (Stoves and lanterns)					
Hiking—Day					
Hiking—Multiple Day					
Horseback Riding					
Hunting					Venturers Only
Map and Compass	Map Only				
Mountain Boards					
Mountaineering/Scrambling/Cross-Country Travel					
Orienteering					
Pioneering					
Rope Bridges/Pioneering Towers <small>(Check requirements for height restrictions.)</small>					
Survival Training					
Winter Camping					



## SPORTS

Field/Wide Games					
Flag Football					
Gymnastics					
Ice Hockey					
Ice Skating					
Martial Arts—Defensive					
Roller Blades/Skates					
Scooters—Nonmotorized					
Skateboarding					
Skiing/Snowboarding					
Sledding/Tubing					
Soccer					
Street Hockey					



## TOOLS

Axes					
Bow Saws					
Hand Ax					
Hand Tools					
Pocketknife		Bear Only			



## TREKKING

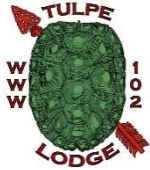
Backpacking—Overnight, Backcountry					
Bike Treks—Day Ride					
Bike Treks—Multiple Overnights					
BMX Biking					
Day Hikes					
Horse Treks					
Mountain Biking					
Search and Rescue Missions					
Search and Rescue Practice					
Ski Touring—Multiple Days and Nights Carrying Gear					



## AIRCRAFT

Commercial Flight Experience					
Ground School					
Hands-On Flying Experience					
Hot-Air Balloons (Tethered only)					
Orientation Flight					
Soaring <small>(Orientation flights only)</small>					

# Order of the Arrow



## Tulpe Lodge 102

The Order of the Arrow is the BSA's Honor Society for those Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Tulpe Lodge 102 is the Narragansett Council's branch of the Order of the Arrow, and it is divided into four divided into four chapters, which correspond with our four traditional districts.

Our lodge is extremely active with over 1,000 active members, and various events throughout the year including four Ordeal weekends, ArrowCorps Y during Week 7 of summer camp at Yawgoog, a Winter and Fall Fellowship and regular service days at our camps throughout the year. In addition to our own activities we participate in our Section's annual New England Fellowship where we proudly have the largest and most spirited contingent each year, as well as the National Order of the Arrow Conference which is held every three years.

Learn more at [TulpeLodge.org](http://TulpeLodge.org)

## COMMON ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

Scouting is a wide-ranging program with many facets, new innovations, and great traditions. Over the past 100 years, Scouting has also developed a vast inventory of abbreviations, acronyms, and special terms. Here is a guide of the most common to help you speak the Scouting language:

**AOL:** Arrow of Light, the highest rank a Cub Scout can earn

**BALOO:** Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation; an introductory outdoor skills training for Cub Scout leaders

**BSA:** Boy Scouts of America; the national Scouting organization of the United States of America

**CAO:** Council Administrative Office; the council headquarters located in East Providence, RI

**Charter:** Written permission for an organization to form, organize, and maintain a Scouting unit

**Chartered Organization:** An organization that has permission to own and operate a Scouting program

**Commissioner:** A volunteer who is a friend to the unit. They provide guidance and assistance to units.

**C.O.P.E.:** Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience; Scouting's ropes course program

**COR:** Chartered Organization Representative; the liaison between your unit and your chartered organization

**Council:** The incorporated local Scouting organization that exists to support volunteers and chartered organizations in providing the Scouting program

**Crossover:** The transition between Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA

**District:** A geographic territory that a council uses to administer Scouting in communities

**DE:** District Executive; A full-time professional responsible for supporting volunteer Scout leaders

**Executive Officer:** The leader of a Chartered Organization. Also known as an Institutional Head

**FOS:** Friends of Scouting; Annual Council fundraising campaign

**IOLS/ITOLS:** Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills; an introductory outdoor skills training for Scout leaders

**JTE:** Journey to Excellence. The self-graded metric that allows units to examine how they are operating year after year

**LNT:** Leave no trace

**NESA:** National Eagle Scout Association; organization for Eagle Scouts, both past and present

**NYLT:** National Youth Leadership Training; an advanced week-long leadership training for Scouts BSA and Venturers

**OA:** Order of the Arrow; Scouting's National Honor Society

**Roundtable:** Monthly meeting to help adult leaders plan and organize

**Unit Service Coordinator:** A full-time professional responsible for supporting volunteer Scout leaders who primarily operates out of the Council Administrative Office

**YPT:** Youth Protection Training