

# THE SCOUTING TRAIL

A resource for parents, Scout leaders, district committee members and commissioners.



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**University of Scouting** offers over 100 different classes presented by some of the most experienced volunteers. Whether you are a new leader or experienced, or simply an interested parent, there is something for you. Learn about the new Lions (kindergarten) and girls programs. **March 23.**  
www.shac.org/uos



**Scout Fair Coupon Books** are a wonderful way for units to raise money. Coupon books are easy to sell since they only cost \$10 and provide significant savings. Units get 30% commission on each coupon book sold and get 40% if the unit has a booth at Scout Fair. www.shac.org/coupon-books



**Scout Fair** is an opportunity for units to have a booth to show off their skills and meet thousands of fellow Scouts and Scouters. Scouts will enjoy visiting hundreds of booths (with crafts, games, challenge, advancement activities), sampling the amazing outdoor cooking, watching demonstrations and interacting with our community partners. Don't let your unit miss out on the fun and excitement! **April 6.** www.shac.org/scout-fair. Registration for a booth at www.shac.org/booth.



**Spring Recruiting.** Packs are encouraged to hold spring recruiting events. Invite newly recruited Scouts and kindergarteners to attend day camp and pack summer events. Sometimes we think we can only recruit in the fall, but spring is a great time to get new Scouts and their families involved early.  
www.shac.org/membership

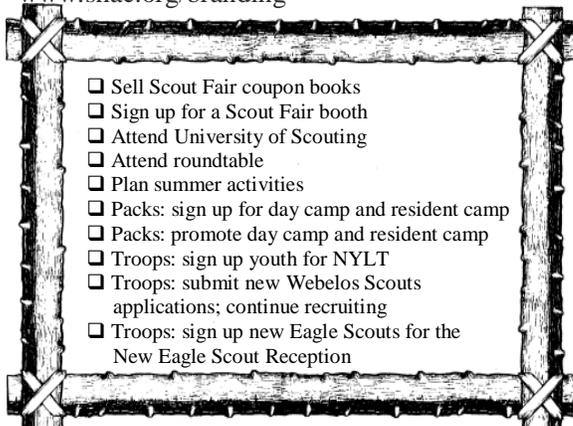


**Silver Beaver Nominations.** The Silver Beaver Award is the highest recognition a Council can bestow on an adult volunteer leader. Don't miss the opportunity to nominate a fellow Scouter for this award. Nomination forms are due **May 1.** www.shac.org/silver-beaver



## New Scouts BSA Brand Guidance Training

As we welcome girls into the program, it is important that families understand the program or organization they are joining. To ensure that we promote our programs in a clear and Scout-like manner, resources have been developed to make sure our leaders are aware of the do's and don'ts in promoting BSA programs.  
www.shac.org/branding



**The Scouting Trail** is a monthly newsletter produced by volunteers that conveniently summarizes upcoming council events. This newsletter is a great resource to share with leaders and parents. Copies distributed at roundtable and the Scout Shops are made possible through the generosity of Friends of Scouting donors.  
www.shac.org/toolkit



## March 2019

- 2-4 Order of the Arrow Ordeal
- 4 Order of the Arrow LEC
- 8 Scout Fair coupon book, 5% bonus deadline
- 15-19 Order of the Arrow Section Conclave
- 23 University of Scouting
- 29 Scout Fair coupon book, 3% bonus deadline
- 31 Scout Fair unit participation deadline

## April 2019

- 1 Scout Fair coupon book, 1% bonus deadline
- 6 Scout Fair
- 12-14 Powder Horn (weekend 1)
- 12-14 Climbing Training
- 16 Venturing Forum
- 17 Council Coordinated Meeting
- 20 Wilderness First Aid Trng (1)
- 26-28 Arrowman Bash
- 26-28 OA Ordeal
- 26-28 Powder Horn (weekend 2)

## May 2019

- 1 Silver Beaver nominations due
- 3-5 Cub Scout Adventure Camp
- 4 Wilderness First Aid Trng (2)
- 5 New Eagle Scout Reception
- 2 or 9 Program Preview at roundtable

## June 2019

- varies Scouts BSA summer camp
- varies Cub Scout day camp
- 2-7 or 9-14 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

## July 2019

- varies Cub Scout resident camp
- varies Scouts BSA summer camp
- 31 Fall recruiting chair, Train-the-Trainer

## August 2019

- Fall recruiting night trainings
- 1 Popcorn online sales begin
- 1 Popcorn show-n-sell orders due
- 10 Venturing Banquet
- 11 OA LEC and elections trng
- 11 OA Troop Rep. Summit
- 13 Popcorn Kickoff
- 15 Council Coordinated
- 17 Popcorn show-n-sell distribution / sales begin



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# Cub Scouts

**Day Camp** is a council camp run by districts for Cub Scouts entering 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade and focuses on earning rank advancements, learning new skills, playing sports and games, crafts, BB guns, archery and making new friends. Customizable placemats are available to promote camp. [www.shac.org/daycamp](http://www.shac.org/daycamp)

**Resident Camp** is a three-night summer camping program for Cubs entering 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Bovay Scout Ranch. Cub Scouts will enjoy BB guns, archery, sling shots, crafts, sports, games, campfire, and lots more. [www.shac.org/resident-camp](http://www.shac.org/resident-camp)

## Scouts BSA

**Eagle Scout Reception** recognizes the previous year's Eagle Scouts. The council continues its tradition of providing this reception free of charge for new Eagle Scouts and their guests. The evening is underwritten with generous sponsorships by many Eagle Scout alumni, charter members and patrons. **May 5.** [www.shac.org/nestr](http://www.shac.org/nestr)

**Order of the Arrow. Section Conclave** is an event for Order of the Arrow members where nine lodges get together for fellowship, competitions, over the top activities, ceremony competitions, awesome shows, and more at Lost Pines Scout Reservation. **March 15-19.**

[oa.shac.org/conclave](http://oa.shac.org/conclave). **Arrowman Bash** is a weekend event that allows Order of the Arrow members to recommit themselves to the principles of our order, brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. Saturday will focus on service to camp followed by an evening filled with food, fun, and fellowship (e.g., games, activities, competitions, pow wow). **April 26-28.** [www.oa.shac.org/ab](http://www.oa.shac.org/ab)

**NYLT** or National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action packed six-day council-level program designed to provide Scouts who are 14 years and older with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home units and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. Courses are being held in **June.** [www.shac.org/nylt](http://www.shac.org/nylt)

**Scouts First Helpline** makes it easy for volunteers and families to address dangerous situations, ask questions about a situation or report a possible incident. BSA is committed to providing ongoing support to victims and their families, including counseling. Support is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week. ScoutsFirst Helpline: (844)-Scouts1 or (844) 726-8871 or [scouts1st@scouting.org](mailto:scouts1st@scouting.org). Learn more at [www.shac.org/erm#scoutsfirst](http://www.shac.org/erm#scoutsfirst)

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- Invite your Scouting friends to 'Like' our page.
- Under the 'Liked' button on our page, select 'Post in News Feed' option.



## Training

Every Scout deserves a trained leader. Every leader deserves to be trained. The council offers a variety of training courses for all levels of leaders in all Scouting program. Scouters can attend training in any district. [www.shac.org/training-schedule](http://www.shac.org/training-schedule)



**Powder Horn** is an action-packed, hands-on, six day course to help Scouts and Scouters learn how to implement high adventure activities into their troop, crew or ship.

**April 12-14 and 26-28, 2019**  
[www.shac.org/powder-horn](http://www.shac.org/powder-horn)



## Adventures for Older Scouts

### Venturing Forums

are held three times a year, is a great resource and fun opportunity for crews and ships. **April 16.** [shac.org/venturing](http://shac.org/venturing).



### Sea Scouts:

Sea Scouts. Fleet meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month. [shac.org/sea-scouts](http://shac.org/sea-scouts)



**Exploring** is program that provides experiences to help youth mature and prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. [exploring.shac.org](http://exploring.shac.org)

