



SCOUTING TRAILS

Rip Van Winkle Council, BSA #405
1300 Ulster Avenue, Suite 107
Kingston, NY 12401

May 2022 Newsletter

Scouters,

When I first arrived in this council, one of the biggest complaints I heard about was the lack training offered for the leaders. It seemed as if there had been no training offered in more than five years.

In the last 18 months, the following adult leader courses have been offered:

- Cub Scout Position specific training (Three times)
- Scouts BSA Fundamentals (Three times)
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (Two times)
- Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation. (One time)
- Unit Commissioner Basic Training (One time)

With all the complaints I received, it was also reflected in the percentages of trained leaders in Scouting. Only 28.47% of our current leaders are fully trained for the position they hold. What is interesting is that if you ask the parents of our Scouts, almost everyone will tell you they would expect the unit leadership to be fully trained to work with their child.

This past month, the council has offered two training courses and I would like to recognize the participants and the volunteer staff of the courses:

- Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

Participants:

Samantha Skillman
Piyush Chaudhary
Kelly Oggenfuss

Staff:

Tim Mitzel – Course Director
Catina Leon
Andrew Clearwater
Kurt Hauck
Danny Zayas
John Stanforth

- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

Participants:

Michael Circe
Puneet Chaudhary

Staff:

Tim Mitzel – Course Director
Andrew Clearwater
Kurt Hauck

It is important that we offer training as a council, it is also important that our leaders take the training. Studies have shown a few key items regarding training:

1. A trained leader provides a better quality than an un-trained leader.
2. Trained leaders stay in the Scouting program longer.

3. Scouts that have trained leaders stay in the Scouting program longer.
4. The longer a Scout stays in Scouting, the more successful they become in life.

Where are you when it comes to training?

Be safe! We are all in this together.

See you down the trail...

Dana E. Kuhns
Scout Executive/CEO

COUNCIL CALENDAR

May	Subject
1	I-EID AL FITR
7	BOWLATHON
8	US - MOTHERS DAY
15	OA - LODGE MEETING
16	RVWC - LEADER'S ROUNDTABLE
16	RVWC - UNIT FAIR SHARE GOALS SET
21	CTM-BEAVER DAY
23	RVWC - COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING
30	RVWC - SERVICE CENTER AND SCOUT SHOP CLOSED
30	US - MEMORIAL DAY

June	Subject
3 to 6	OA - SPRING FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND
3 to 6	OA -ORDEAL WEEKEND
4	J-SHAVUOT BEGINS AT SUNSET
4	OA - BROTHERHOOD CEREMONTY
4	OA - VIGIL SELECTIONS COMMITTEE MTG
5 to 8	J-SHAVUOT
8	RVWC - COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER
10 to 11	CTAA-CAMP TRI-MOUNT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION YARD SALE
10 to 12	OA - SECTION CONCLAVE
14	US-FLAG DAY
19	US-FATHERS DAY
20	RVWC - SERVICE CENTER AND SCOUT SHOP CLOSED
20	US - JUNETEENTH (Observed)
20	RVWC - TEE IT UP FOR SCOUTING GOLF TOURNAMENT
30	RVWC-EAGLE DINNER

**RIP VAN WINKLE
COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER**

HOURS

Monday	10:00AM to 6:00PM
Tuesday	10:00AM to 6:00PM
Wednesday	10:00AM to 6:00PM
Thursday	10:00AM to 6:00PM
Friday	10:00AM to 6:00PM
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

845-339-0846 – Phone
845-339-1168 - Fax

Meeting times can be found in the Council calendar of the Council website

Calendar acronyms:

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|------|-------------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| AD | - Algonquin District | I | - Islamic holiday |
| C | - Christian holiday | J | - Jewish holiday |
| CDC | - Council Discount Card | MD | - Mohican District |
| CS | - Cub Scout | OA | - Order of the Arrow |
| CTAA | - Camp Tri-Mount Alumni Assn. | RVWC | - Rip Van Winkle Council |
| CTM | - Camp Tri-Mount | US | - US holiday |

PLEASE NOTE – RVWC OFFICE CLOSURES



The Rip Van Winkle Council office and Scout Shop will be closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day. The office and Scout Shop will re-open on Tuesday morning at 10:00AM.

The Rip Van Winkle Council office and Scout Shop will be closed on Monday, June 20 on honor of the Juneteenth holiday. The office and Scout Shop will re-open on Tuesday morning at 10:00AM.



SILVER BEAVER AWARD

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given at the council level. The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters within the territory of a local council.

Anyone may nominate any deserving registered Scouter to the council, which selects recipients for the following year. This nomination form must be sent to the local council by May 31, 2022. To prevent embarrassment, the candidate should not be notified of this nomination.

The nomination form is included with the additional forms sent with this newsletter.



Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-1)

WELCOME CATINA LEON!

Hello fellow Scouters. I am Catina Leon of Pack 70 in Highland. Scouting has been a large part of my family and growth. My grandmother was a den mother in Pack 70 in the 50s and 60s. My son joined as a tiger in 2005 and in 2006 I started my scouting journey as a den mother in Pack 125. My daughter joined as a Lion Cub of Pack 70 in 2018 and by 2019 I became a den leader and am currently the Cubmaster.

Outside of Scouting, I am a certified teacher, director of a preschool and a corporate accountant and tax processor. My family loves the outdoors and learning and strive to live by the Scout Law. Please be patient with me as I learn the ropes. I look forward to working with everyone.



Catina will be taking on the responsibilities of the Council Registrar as well as making posts to our website, Facebook page and Instagram.

CAMP TRI-MOUNT NEWS

CAMPMASTERS NEEDED

Campmasters are needed to assist on the weekends at Camp Tri-Mount!! What is a Campmaster? The Campmaster will arrive on Friday evening, check in any units over the weekend, do a walkaround to check buildings and program areas, answer questions from units using the camp and checking them out on Sunday. Where would you stay? As a Campmaster you and your family would stay in the Savatgy Cabin. The cabin has 2 bedrooms, a living room and kitchen as well as a bathroom with shower. We need a folks that would be willing to take 1 or 2 weekends during the year. For more information contact the council office.



BEAVER DAY – MAY 21st

Mark your calendar for Beaver Day on May 21st. This will be only the second time since March 2020 that we will have the opportunity to do much needed maintenance projects in Camp. We have projects for all ages and skill sets – from cleaning a campsite – painting – construction projects – electrical – cleaning – landscaping – etc. We need both physical help as well as monetary help or material donations.

We hope to have the camp open to units soon. If interested, please email Dana.Kuhns@Scouting.org we will get additional info out to you.

Plan for the day:

8:45AM	Volunteers arrive
9:00AM	Work parties begin around camp
12:00PM	Lunch (provided)
1:00PM	Work parties begin around camp
3:30PM	Work projects completed



2022 CAMP IN A BOX (CIAB)

<https://www.rvwbsa.org/campinabox>

Your Scouts are invited to participate in the Camp Tri-Mount 2022 Camp-in-a-Box - a virtual week of Scout Camp. CIAB is planned for July 11 to 14 and the schedule is just like being at camp - minus the rain, bugs and forest critters

The cost is \$95 for the week. Registration will open soon for the 2022 Camp Tri-Mount in a Box.

2022 Camp-in-a-Box registration includes:

- Registration for up to 5 Merit Badges
- Camp-in-a-Box T-shirt
- Camp-in-a-Box Patch
- A box with various surprise goodies
- And much, much more

Once the website is a link will be sent to all Scouts BSA members and leaders.



Questions? Please contact our CIAB chair, Danny Zayas at bluemarble365@gmail.com.

SUMMER CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES AT CAMP TRI-MOUNT

While our National office did not permit us to operate a long-term camp this summer, they will allow us to operate short-term camp.

The Rip Van Winkle Council is happy to report we will be offering weekend camping for our Cub Scout families as well as for our Scout BSA troops.

The planned weekends are as follows:

Open camping weekend	July 15 to 17
Cub Scout Family weekend	July 22 to 24
Scouts BSA nature focused merit badge weekend	July 29 to 31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Astronomy ○ Insect ○ Plant Science ○ Reptile Study ○ Mammals Study ○ Bird Study 	
Scouts BSA emergency focused merit badge weekend	August 5 to 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First Aid ○ Emergency Preparedness ○ Search and Rescue 	
Scouts BSA automotive focused merit badge weekend	August 12 to 14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Automotive Maintenance 	
Scouts BSA wilderness survival focused merit badge weekend	August 19 to 21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wilderness Survival 	

Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-2)

LEADER ROUNDTABLE

The next Leader Roundtable will be held on Monday, May 16th at 7:00pm. Below is the zoom meeting link for the roundtable. All interested Leaders and adults are encouraged to attend.

Leaders Roundtable
6:50PM Gathering



7:00PM Start

Topic: **RVWC Leader Roundtable**

Time: **May 16, 2022, 07:00 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89057893143?pwd=Q2xvR0lyZUFvWm9nbHhEMFNiNG1oUT09>

Meeting ID: 890 5789 3143

Passcode: 7A68K5

One tap mobile

+16465588656,,89057893143#,,,,*656380# US (New York)

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 890 5789 3143

Passcode: 656380

ORDER OF THE ARROW NEWS

Hey Lodge Members and Unit Leaders – we need your help! We have learned that several youth and adult members of our Lodge are not receiving emails and other communications. If you are one of those individuals, please send your name, phone number and email address to Jim Sexton (jbrsexton@live.com) so we can update our records. There are lots of things that will be occurring this spring that we would like you to attend including the next Lodge Meeting which will be held in person.



Specifics:

Half Moon Lodge #28 - Monthly Meeting

May 15, 2022

6:00PM

Smokin' Pony BBQ pavilion

963 Kings Highway

Saugerties, NY 12477

NATIONAL JAMBOREE 2023

Hey Scout:

Are you interested in a High Adventure Outing?

Are you interested in camping with 30,000+ other Scouts/Venturers?

Do you want an experience that will last a lifetime?

Do you want to be one of thirty-six Scouts from our Council to go?

ADVENTURERS WANTED!

Get ready! The 2023 National Scout Jamboree is coming and it's not your father's jamboree. We're talking seriously high adventure, people! Whitewater rafting, zip-lining, rappelling, mountain biking, hiking, and more - with 50,000 of your closest friends at the brand-new Summit Bechtel Reserve in the wilds of West Virginia.



What is the National Jamboree?

Every four years, the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America organizes the ultimate Boy Scout experience, the National Jamboree! The BSA has scheduled the next Jamboree in 2023. It will be the third Jamboree to be held at the new Summit Scout Reservation in West Virginia.

Over 40,000 Scouts and Scouters attended the Jamboree in 2017, and all the excitement of past Jamborees will be incorporated with new themes and shows. What goes on at a Jamboree? Everything that the combined resources of the National Council and thousands of the best volunteers from every local council can provide. For example: 5K Fun Run, 4-way volleyball, rifle shooting, action alley, bike-a-thon's, buckskin games, confidence courses, bicycle motocross, pioneering, rappelling towers, trapshooting, fishing, canoe slalom, scuba diving, kayaking, a HUGE merit badge midway, stage shows, and the Order of the Arrow Indian Village. If this isn't enough – there's much, much more!

Keep your eyes and ears open for news from the Council Service Center as to when informational meetings will be held.

Yours in Scouting,
Rip Van Winkle Jamboree Committee

Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-3 and AI-4)

JAMBOREE INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS PLANNED

Would you like to learn more about the Jamboree? National Jamboree informational meetings will be held on the following dates:

Monday, May 9

7:00PM
Acra Community Center
683 Old Route 23
Acra, NY 12405

Wednesday, May 18

7:00PM
Rosendale Community Center/Ball Park
1055 Route 32
Rosendale, NY 12472

Wednesday, May 25

7:00PM
Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84812091598?pwd=dEYzYnBJTktSVEk5R2E5Sm92S1ZkQT09>

Meeting ID: 848 1209 1598

Passcode: fwuh0X

One tap mobile

+16465588656,,84812091598#,,,,*545554# US (New York)

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 848 1209 1598

Passcode: 545554

COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER AND YOU ARE INVITED!

The Rip Van Winkle Council will be hosting the Annual Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, June 8. This year's selection for the Silver Beaver will be presented along with other awards and recognition.



Dinner Specifics:

Wednesday, June 8

5:30PM - Gathering

6:00 PM – Dinner

St. John's Roman Catholic Church

12 Holly Hills Drive

Woodstock, NY

Fees:

\$30.00 – Single

\$45.00 – Couple

Catered by Joe Beez of Kingston

Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

DEADLINE TO RESERVE IS June 1, 2022.

Food is not being prepared on site. Walk-ins are NOT permitted.

Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-5)

UPDATE TO SCOUTS BSA YOUTH JOINING REQUIREMENTS

The BSA has been looking at the barriers to joining for today's families and we want to simplify this for any youth who wants to participate in our programs. The joining requirements for the Scouts BSA program currently state:

Youth can be Scouts if they have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old, OR have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old, OR are age 11 but have not reached age 18.

Beginning April 18, 2022, the Scouts BSA program joining requirements will be changed to the following:

Youth can be Scouts if they are at least 10 years old, currently in the fifth grade and register on or after March 1st; OR have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old, OR are age 11 but have not reached age 18.

This language will be updated on the BSA Youth Application as the new applications are distributed.

WE ARE HIRING!

PART-TIME SALES ASSOCIATES WANTED

We are seeking part-time Sales Associates for our Kingston, New York store location.

This job involves sales, customer service and dealing with people. Sales Associates should have an enthusiastic, fun and positive attitude while assisting customers with sales, product and program information. A sense of humor, creative mindset and passion for customer service are needed.

Knowledge of the Scouting program is a plus but not necessary.

An individual in this position will be expected to perform additional job-related responsibilities and duties as assigned and/or necessary.

Interested? See the job description!

UPDATES ON THE COOKS PEAK FIRE NEAR PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

As the Cooks Peak Fire burns in New Mexico, Philmont Scout Ranch is sharing regular updates on a [dedicated page on the Philmont website](#) as well as on its [Facebook page](#). These updates provide information about the progress of teams working to mitigate the fire's damage.

Should any recovery efforts and/or possible rebuilding efforts be necessary for parts of the Philmont property, information concerning those efforts will be forthcoming. Please remind those with questions that all available information will be provided on the [Philmont website](#) as well as the [Philmont Facebook page](#) as any further details become available.



You can also check on regular updates at:

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/cooks-peak-fire-updates/>

Below is the latest update:

Cooks Peak Fire Update: May 2, 2022, 9:00 AM MDT

The Cooks Peak Fire is estimated at 59,065 acres and is 69% contained. 413 personnel assigned.

A red flag warning continues today with gusty winds 35+mph and low humidity. Air operations continue.

The Type 2 team will transition to a Type 3 team towards the end of the week. Philmont is prepared to host the Type 3 team.

We are grateful for all personnel on the fire and their continued safety as they continue to protect Philmont and our surrounding communities.

To donate to the Fire Recovery and Mitigation Fund click below. 100% of your donation will go to Philmont:

<https://bit.ly/PhilmontFireRecovery>

During this time of financial restructuring, we are not permitted to accept donations from the following states: California, District of Columbia, Illinois, Kansas, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Virgin Islands or Wisconsin.

For more information, please visit the links below:

<https://nmfireinfo.com/>

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8066/>

A NOTE FROM THE BSA'S NATIONAL SUPPLY GROUP...

As you have undoubtedly noticed, unprecedented supply chain issues and increasing costs have affected all industries, from everyday groceries to the gas pump.

Unfortunately, the BSA is not exempt from the impact of these supply chain challenges. Shipping containers that used to quote at \$3,500 are now being quoted at \$22,000.

Manufacturing costs and scarce materials have significantly impacted product availability, order procurement, lead times, and product costs.

As a result of significant cost increases mixed with rising fuel prices, and despite doing our best efforts to manage or offset these costs, we are forced to make the difficult decision to make price increases across many of our product categories.

Because of the nature and impact of these adjustments, new wholesale pricing will be effective April 8, 2022.

Choosing this immediate date will allow for availability and distribution of all products to both large and small councils, especially in consideration of reduced inventories.

Retail price changes will be effective as soon as individual stores can adjust their pricing.

Supply Group remains committed to providing quality products at competitive prices in support of our Scouting movement.

We value your support as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times.

Boy Scouts of America Pricing Increase FAQs – April 2022

Why is National Supply Group taking price increases?

- As you have undoubtedly noticed, unprecedented supply chain issues and increasing costs have affected all industries, from everyday groceries to the gas pump. Despite continuous improvement on operational efficiencies and other cost reduction initiatives, the BSA is unable to fully absorb the impact of rising costs.

How do we explain these price increases to our customers?

- Price increases are due to significant supplier cost increases, mixed with rising fuel prices. Despite our best efforts to manage or offset these costs, we are unfortunately forced to make the difficult decision to include price increases across many of our product categories. Supply Group remains committed to providing quality products at competitive prices in support of Scouting.

How many products lines does this affect?

- This will impact nearly all product categories, including uniforms, insignia, metal insignia, crafts, and literature.

Will these prices be lowered if the Supply Chain stabilizes or gets better?

- The situation will continue to be monitored over the next several months and adjustments will be considered where possible.

Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-7)

CARRY THE LOAD

The Scouting program has been asked to support the “Carry the Load” program. CTL support veterans and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Please see the various maps which



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highlights the route the hikers will take in each of their communities around the country.

<https://www.carrytheload.org/site/SPageServer/?pagename=relay>

Many troops have participated in the past and it is our hope to get more involved. To learn more about the program go to:

<https://www.carrytheload.org/site/SPageServer/?pagename=home>

This has potential to be a wonderful partnership that could be expanded in future years.

Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-8)

EVERY YOUTH DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER

“The Scoutmaster teaches boys to play the game by doing so himself.”

– Lord Robert Baden Powell

Greetings to my fellow Scouters. My name is Tim Mitzel, and I am a Rip Van Winkle Council’s Training Committee member. Over the last month and a half, I was privileged to be the Course Director for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), Scoutmaster Fundamentals, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLST). Joined by a fantastic cadre of instructors and enthusiastic participants, both courses succeeded and produced more trained adult leaders for our youth.



To all my instructors and participants, thank you for taking another step in your scouting journey and, more importantly, investing in each other and our youth. You may never know your impact on a young person, but rest assured that you are making a difference. There will be a Scout out there who remembers the positive influence you had on them.

When you participate in a training course, your network of scouting resources increases exponentially. Leaders from other geographic areas of the council I previously only knew in passing are now both friends and resources. The exchange of ideas and collaboration with different points of view cannot be understated. I remain incredibly grateful for my new network.

BALOO is an introductory course for Cub Scout leaders. One adult pack leader must be BALOO trained and present for the pack to camp overnight. Similarly, IOLST is the introductory outdoor course for Scouts BSA leaders. Troops with camping programs also require a trained leader present. The training committee is already planning to offer these great courses again in the fall of 2022.

The training committee would also like to assure you of our commitment to creating opportunities for you to train and develop your skills and confidence. We remain respectful of your time through our mantra: “It only takes one registered participant to hold a course.” Barring a weather emergency, we will not cancel training if we have one participant registered. We are also constantly striving to provide participants with accurate and up to date BSA training. Our goal is to run every course ‘pure’ or as the BSA intended.



Finally, I would like to thank our Scout Executive, Dana Kuhns, and our training committee chairperson, John Stanforth. Both gentlemen provide proper guidance in-person (well, through Zoom, actually) and through the syllabus and requested resources. The instructors and I were allowed to take the course and make it happen. As the council continues to build back from the COVID pandemic and other challenges, your training committee looks forward to helping carry the torch and lead the way.

Respectfully,

Tim Mitzel

Troop Committee Chair, Unit Commissioner, and Training Committee Member
(Also, an Owl – ask me about Wood Badge)

“There is no teaching to compare with example.”
“The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct.”
- Lord Robert Baden Powell

SCOUTS BSA BRANDING DOS AND DON'TS

With more than 305,000 girls participating in Cub Scouting and the Scouts BSA program, there's a lot of excitement around the programs offered by the Boy Scouts of America. Plus, there are now almost 2,200 female Eagle Scouts!

In all of this, it's important to remember that at all levels, from our members and volunteers to our professional staff, we take the brand and trademark rights of all organizations seriously and have worked proactively to differentiate our unique program offerings. That, of course, includes Scouts BSA, so when referring to that program in any local council or unit materials — including recruiting fliers, announcements, promotional materials, social media posts, and beyond — be sure to use the details in the below infographic for the right way to go about it. Please be sure to share this infographic with anyone in your council who is conducting marketing and recruiting activities for the Scouts BSA program.

We applaud the efforts of all youth-serving organizations and encourage families to participate in character and leadership development programs of their choice. The BSA wants boys and girls to have an opportunity to join one or more of these organizations. While we all use different delivery models, our distinct missions have one thing in common – to serve youth.

Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-9)

VOICE OF THE SCOUT DETAILS

The Voice of the Scout survey is continuing to be sent out to every unit level volunteer, parents of Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA members under 14 years of age, and Youth members over 14 years of age. The surveys are sent quarterly to 1/4 of the Scouting population for whom we have email addresses in the membership database. The first quarter surveys have already been completed, but the following schedule will be used to send the Q2-4 surveys:

Council level analysis of the survey results is available when the council reaches a threshold of at least 50 people answering in a segment. Reports are uploaded to your council folder in the Membership Insights and Planning SharePoint site (this is the same place where your Council Planning Data and your Council Market Analysis are located.)

Please encourage your leaders, parents, and older youth members to take 5-8 minutes to give us their feedback so that we can continue to listen to them and make changes based on their recommendations. Questions? Email Pat.Wellen@Scouting.org.

ANNUAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD

Camping season is upon us! As a reminder, be sure to encourage ALL participants to fully complete the [Annual Health & Medical Record \(AHMR\)](#) for ALL activities. And yes, the 2019 version is current.

To be sure to have the most current information, remember to link to the AHMR, and don't host your own version.

Any questions? You can find the answers on the [AHMR landing page](#) or the [AHMR FAQ page](#).

Basics:

Parts A & B - For all events/all participants less than 72 hours in duration.

Parts A, B & C - For events/resident camps lasting 72 hours or more.

Risk Advisory - Don't forget the Risk Advisory for each of the High Adventure Bases. This should be reviewed with your healthcare provider at the time of your pre-participation exam.

DETAILS ABOUT THE PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER COURSES

Attendees at Philmont Training Center courses learn best practices for Scouting from world-class faculty and share experiences with Scouters across the country at one of more than 50 conferences.

They can also bring the whole family to enjoy BSA Family Adventure Camp!

For more information, go to:

<https://bit.ly/ptc-conferences>.



MORE #ADVENTURE ON 2022 RECRUITING MATERIALS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

The set of #AdventureOn marketing materials available in the BSA Brand Center continues to grow! Currently, you'll find the #AdventureOn theme on [Cub Scout materials](#) and [Scouts BSA materials](#). Be sure to share this information with everyone you know so they can help us all grow Scouting!

<https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/folder/10377141/>

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT GRANTS BSA MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGEMENT IN TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT CASE BROUGHT BY GSUSA

A statement provided by the BSA

We are pleased that the court has vindicated the BSA's position and summarily rejected all claims of the Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA), observing that "In truth, Girl Scouts' complaint is based, not on concern for trademark confusion, but on fear for their competitive position in a market with gender neutral options for scouting" (opinion, p. 21).

The BSA believes that there are many excellent options for parents and young people to develop character and leadership, including both the BSA and GSUSA. We support the right of families and girls to make their own choice of youth development organizations that work best for them.

The BSA is thrilled that since we began offering girls the opportunity to fully participate in our programs in 2019, over 305,000 girls are currently enrolled and more than 2,200 young women have already earned the highest rank of Eagle Scout. We celebrate the achievements of these girls and young women. The BSA looks forward to welcoming more girls into our positive, life changing programs.

SCOUTING'S BARRIER TO ABOUT: "72 HOUR RULE"

While we anticipate the elimination of Scouting's Barriers to Abuse "72-Hour Rule," we are presently working on the new rules to replace this 72-hour requirement. However, until those changes are implemented, the 72-hour rule remains in place. **There are no changes at this time.**

The current policy and one source of truth can be found in the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) which states:

"All adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as leaders. The 72 hours need not be consecutive."

We continue to receive questions around this event-centric requirement. Please ensure your staff and volunteers know that:

- Changes have not been made to this rule yet.
- Any changes will be thoroughly communicated.

Currently, a timeline for any changes has not been established, but we are actively working the new rules to replace this requirement and will communicate them as soon as they are available.

FISCAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURE FAQs FOR BSA UNITS

BSA has updated FAQs for its Fiscal Policies and Procedures for BSA Units. These FAQs include information on current unit registration options, tax exempt status, unit banking, equipment insurance, dissolution of the unit, and fundraising.

Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-10)

PAYPAL/VENMO UPDATE FOR BSA UNITS

Beginning January 1, 2022, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) introduced new reporting requirements for payments received for goods and services, which will lower the reporting threshold to \$600 for the 2022 tax season, from 2021's threshold of \$20,000 and 200 transactions.

These reporting requirements are only for payments received for a good or service, and do not apply to payments from friends or family. Under the new requirements, payment service companies, including PayPal and Venmo, will provide customers with a 1099-K form if they receive \$600 or more in a calendar year for payments received for goods or services.

Users may receive notifications to complete tax information like the example included in the "See Details" information below.

BSA PayPal Scoutbook instructions (available at <https://help.scoutbook.scouting.org/knowledge-base/paypal-payment-utility-sb/>) direct units to follow the same account opening procedures as for bank accounts. Charter Organization Units and Council Registered Units utilizing PayPal or Venmo should ensure they are using appropriate EINs and following all policies and procedures. Parents of/Groups of Citizens Units should consult their own tax advisors. If you have any questions, please reach out to your tax advisor or local council.

Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-11)

GUIDANCE ON DONATION TO UKRAINIAN SCOUTING

Many volunteers have requested information on how to help Scouting in Ukraine. Please see the official statement from the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) below.

WOSM recognizes one National Scout Organization per country. For Ukraine, the Member Organization is National Organization of Scouts of Ukraine (NOSU). We encourage all NSOs that any Scouting support is channeled through the mechanisms made available through WOSM.

We are aware that many other non-WOSM but Scout-like entities are active in the region, including PLAST. We are not affiliated with organizations in Ukraine besides NOSU.

In most cases, the best way to help with the unfolding humanitarian crisis is to make a financial contribution through WOSM or another reputable NGO.

To directly support Scouts' humanitarian relief work in Ukraine and for refugees, you can donate at bit.ly/scoutsukraine. Representatives on the ground know what is needed and financial contributions help them purchase the most needed and locally appropriate supplies.

For additional and ongoing updates, please visit: <https://www.scout.org/Ongoing-Scouts-Emergency-Response-in-Ukraine>.

STEWART'S HOLIDAY MATCH PROGRAM

The Rip Van Winkle Council is happy to announce it is the recipient of a \$1,500 gift from the Stewart's Holiday Matching Gift program.

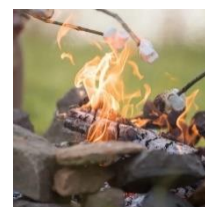
The 2021-2022 Holiday Match program raised over \$2 million for local children's organizations! From Thanksgiving Day through Christmas Day, Stewart's customers impressively donated over \$1 million to the program. Each individual donation is matched penny for penny by Stewart's Shops. There are no administrative costs and 100% of the funds benefit local, non-profit children's organizations.



Generous customers have helped us raise nearly \$34 million since 1986. For more information, please visit the [Holiday Match FAQs page](#).

SCOUTS IN ACTION

With more units getting back into the outdoors, please be sure to share your stories and photos with the Council. Our intent is to add a webpage to our Council website where we highlight the activities of our local Scouts and their units. It is a TERRIFIC way for a unit to show off what they are up to and for a unit to visit and get some ideas about new activities try.



WHY IS THE ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS CLAIM FORM IMPORTANT TO DISTRIBUTE IN THE EVENT OF AN INCIDENT?

Within 24 hours of an incident, it is essential that the Accident & Sickness claim form is distributed by the council to the person who suffered an injury or illness or to the family members of who suffered the injury or illness. When reporting an incident through Riskconnect, check off the field if accident and sickness forms were provided to the injured/sick party or a family member of the injured/sick party. This will ensure the Risk Management team knows the claim form has been provided to the appropriate party. It is crucial to support our Scouts and Scouters with the resources that are available when an incident has occurred. Claim forms are available in section 1 of the Risk Management Notebook at MyBSA.org. Section 1 also

provides a more in-depth explanation of benefits and plans from Health Special Risk (HSR). For councils that have Accident & Sickness Insurance from plans other than HSR, consult the instructions on filing claims with the plan administrator.

The Accident and Sickness Insurance Council Plan, administered by Health Special Risk, provides coverage for Scouts and Scouters for medical expense reimbursement in case of death, accident, or sickness within the policy limits. The accident and sickness insurance plans offer limited financial protection for the cost of unexpected medical expenses. These plans and policies are more than all other available sources of medical insurance or other health-care benefits. In the event there is no other primary insurance or health-care plan, these policies generally pay as primary coverage, subject to the plan limits and terms.

A copy of the HSR Accident and Sickness form has been included in the materials distributed in this email.

Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-12)

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR ANNUAL REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

May 31 marks the end of the registration year for all Merit Badge Counselors in the Rip Van Winkle Council. Thank you for stepping up and volunteering in supporting our young men and women making their way on the path to Eagle.

The Council Advancement committee would like to know if you would volunteer for the upcoming 20221-2023 year. As in the past, Youth Protection Training, which consists of 4 modules, is required. In addition, there are other modules you can take to enhance your training as an MBC. They are not required, only suggested, as you may find it can strengthen your knowledge.

To access these training modules:

1. Sign into my.scouting.org
2. Then go to the menu at the upper left-hand corner.
3. Drop down to "My Training" and then press the "Scouts BSA" button.
4. In the middle of the next page, you will see a box that says, "Merit Badge Counselor Position Specific Training" and you can begin from there.

You do not need to re-register with a new adult application.

All Merit Badge Counselors will be emailed directly with a request to reply and provide information. Those who would like to add merit badges to their list are asked to complete the attached Merit Badge Counselor application in the email. The additional Merit Badges must be reviewed and approved before they are added to the existing file.

If a Merit Badge Counselor does not respond or their YPT is not up to date/complete, they will be dropped from the list.

Please be sure you check with your Troop's Merit Badge Counselors and make sure they respond by before May 31st.

SAVE THE DATE!

TEE IT UP FOR SCOUTING GOLF TOURNAMENT

TO BENEFIT THE

RIP VAN WINKLE COUNCIL, BSA



Funds raised will be used to support the Scouting programs in Greene and Ulster Counties

Mark your calendar and plan to attend. The Rip Van Winkle Council will be hosting the first annual **TEE IT UP FOR SCOUTING GOLF TOURNAMENT** on Monday, June 20, 2022, in Greene County.

Specifics:

Monday, June 20, 2022
Thunderhart Golf Course
Freehold, NY

\$125 per person

\$500 per foursome (includes breakfast; lunch; cart; and course fees)

Are you interested in helping to organize the tournament or bringing a foursome?
For more information, send an email to dana.kuhns@scouting.org or call the Rip Van Winkle Council office at 845-339-0846

Foursome name*: _____ Contact person*: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____

Cell*: _____ Email*: _____

* - Required information

Make checks payable to:

"Rip Van Winkle Council, BSA"

Mail registrations to:

**Rip Van Winkle Council, BSA
1300 Ulster Avenue, Suite 107
Kingston, NY 12401**

Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-13 and AI-14)