



SCOUTING TRAILS

Rip Van Winkle Council, BSA #405
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June 2022 Newsletter

Apathy - ap·a·thy /'apəTHē/

noun - lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern.

Recently the Scoutmasters, Troop Committee chairs and other interested adults were invited to attend a Zoom meeting to discuss the future of the Order of the Arrow Lodge. A total of 12 people attended the meeting. It was a very disappointing attendance.

During the meeting we discussed the severe challenge the Half Moon Lodge is facing. It's called apathy...which is lack of interest, enthusiasm or concern. It's been caused by many things, but primarily I feel it has to do most with the ongoing impact of COVID-19.

Some examples:

- At our May lodge meeting, held in a face-to-face setting, we had a grand total of 6 adults and 3 youth participate.
- At our April Lodge Zoom meeting, we had a total of 3 or 4 adults and 3 youth participate.
- The average attendance at our lodge meetings since December has been 4 youth and three of them are members of the lodge Executive Committee.
- At our Lodge Leadership Development session, we had 3 adults and 1 youth participate
- Our lodge youth leadership only had 3 of the 5 positions filled. No one ran for election for the other two positions last year.

I shared my frustration with all those present. This lodge is to be a youth led organization and one, two, or three youth cannot do everything...Just as two, three or four adults cannot do everything.

Those present then discussed options for the future of the lodge, including better communications and more opportunities for engaging the lodge leadership and membership in various council activities.

What can you do help?

1. Care about what is going on in the lodge.
2. Promote lodge meetings and events.
3. Get involved in lodge activities.
4. Get rid of the "Sash and Dash" attitude some have.
5. Have all inactive members remove their flap patches.



The Order of the Arrow organization is very special to me personally. Without it, I doubt I would be the person I am today. Half Moon Lodge #28 is worth investing the necessary time and effort to make it strong again.

Are you willing to be part of the solution? Contact Jim Sexton to offer your assistance at jbrsexton@live.com.

Be safe! We are all in this together.

See you down the trail...



Dana E. Kuhns
Scout Executive/CEO
Supreme Chief of the Fire

COUNCIL CALENDAR

JUNE	SUBJECT
13	RVWC - LEDERS ROUNDTABLE
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
22	RVWC - PROGRAM LAUNCH
25	TENTATIVE - Trainer's EDGE
25	RVWC - TRAINER'S EDGE
30	RVWC-EAGLE DINNER

JULY

4	RVWC - Service Center and Scout Shop Closed
8-9	I-EID AL ADHA
18	RVWC - COUNCIL POPCORN KICKOFF
25-31	OA - NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE
27	CPS - CAMPMASTER POPCORN KICKOFF

RIP VAN WINKLE COUNCIL 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

DO YOU ORDER FROM AMAZON.COM?

Did you know that when you place an order at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate to a charity of your choice? And it does NOT cost you anything.



With Amazon as a prime supplier for many of us, you can set it up so that every time you order from Amazon, a percentage of the total amount ordered will be given to the Rip Van Winkle Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Effectively, it's "FREE" money to the Council with very little effort on your part.

COUNCIL LEADER'S ROUNDTABLE – JUNE 13TH

Our next Leader Roundtable will be Monday, June 13th at 700PM on Zoom.

Topic: **RVWC Leader Roundtable**

Time: **June 13, 2022 07:00 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)



Join Zoom Meeting

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

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One tap mobile

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PLEASE NOTE – RVWC OFFICE CLOSURES

The Rip Van Winkle Council office and Scout Shop will be closed on Monday, June 20 in honor of the Juneteenth holiday. 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, July 4 in honor of the Independence Day. The office and Scout Shop will re-open on Tuesday morning at 10:00AM.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR RENEWALS FOR 2022-2023

May 31 marked 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 needs to know if you would volunteer for the upcoming 2022- 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 were 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. 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

Scoutmasters and Troop Committee Chairs are asked to follow up with the Merit Badge Counselors to insure those who wish to remain as register Merit Badge Counselors respond.

Their response is one of the following answers:

- Yes, I will continue as a merit badge counselor with the same badges.
- Yes, I will continue as a merit badge counselor, please DELETE the following badges:
- No, I do NOT wish to continue as a merit badge counselor.

Remember, if you would like to add merit badges, please complete the attached application and return it with your email response.

Thank you.

Yours in Scouting,

Catina Leon

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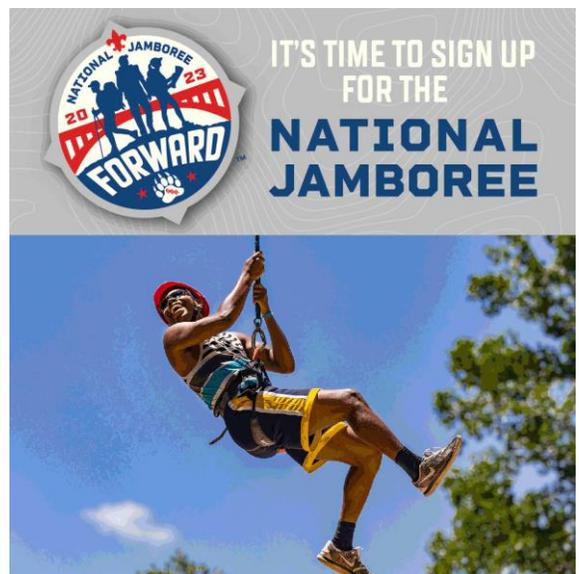
Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-1)

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

I'm writing to personally invite your Scout to be part of the 2023 National Jamboree, July 19-28, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

What's a jamboree? National Jamborees only happen once every four years and they are Scouting's largest gathering of youth leaders. It's 10 days filled with adventure, fun and fellowship where Scouts will make memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Over the years, I've spoken with dozens of people who point to jamboree as one of those 'mountain-top experiences' that helped shape the leaders they became. For most, a jamboree is literally a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that helps move our Scouts to become the very best versions of themselves.



Please don't miss this unique opportunity! Join us for the 2023 National Jamboree! Visit Jamboree.Scouting.org today for more information and to register. Contact your local Scout office for council-specific jamboree information.

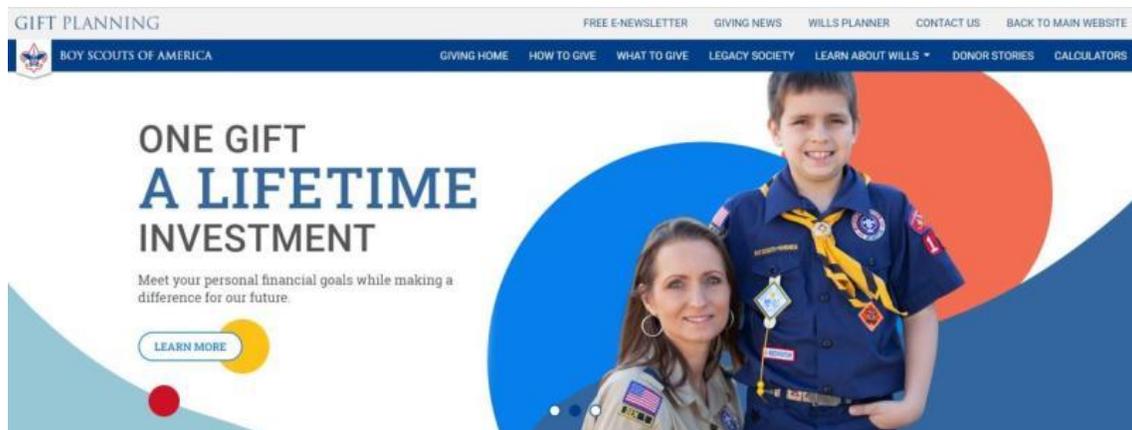
Thanks for all you do for Scouting and I look forward to seeing you at the jamboree!



Roger C. Mosby
Chief Scout Executive/President & CEO

Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-2 & 3)

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE FOR VALUABLE ESTATE PLANNING INFORMATION



Are you ready to plan your will or trust? We would like to give you a FREE Estate Planning Guide. This helpful information may enable you to successfully plan your estate and avoid an accidental disinheritance. Use our Estate Planning Guide to provide for and protect your family by recording your estate distribution plans.



Did you know that your estate planning attorney can include provisions in your will that leave a lasting legacy in the form of charitable gifts to your favorite non-profits. It could be a gift of a specific asset, a dollar amount, or a percentage of your estate. You could also designate a charity as beneficiary of your retirement plan, life insurance policy, bank or investment account.

Please contact us if you would like additional information or let us know if you have already included the Boy Scouts of America in your estate plans.



SELECT CUB SCOUT ELECTIVE ADVENTURES RETIRING EFFECTIVE MAY 2022

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are these Elective Adventures being retired?

- In our ongoing efforts to keep the Cub Scouting adventure program relevant to today's families, Cub Scout elective adventures are reviewed for content and popularity. These 19 adventures are the least popular among Cub Scouts based on sales and advancement data. By removing these adventures, it allows the Cub Scouting program to be more agile in the development of new programs.

What happens on May 31, 2022?

- Effective May 31, 2022 these Elective Adventures will no longer be considered part of the Cub Scouting program and the Adventure Loops and Pins for these adventures will no longer be available for purchase. These adventures will also be archived in Scoutbook and Internet Advancement removing the ability to mark these adventures as completed.

Can Cub Scouts still wear the Adventure Loops and Pins after they retire?

- Absolutely! In Scouting once an adventure is earned it is never taken away. These adventures are still considered official program and may continue to be worn after they retire on **May 31, 2022**.

Affected Elective Adventures (Effective May 31, 2022)

SKU	Rank	Adventure Name
619922	Tiger	Family Stories
619925	Tiger	Earning Your Stripes
619930	Tiger	Tiger Tales
619931	Tiger	Tiger Theater
619940	Wolf	Collections and Hobbies
619944	Wolf	Grow Something
619947	Wolf	Hometown Heroes
619950	Wolf	Motor Away
619958	Bear	Beat of the Drum
619960	Bear	World of Sound
619963	Bear	Make it Move
619968	Bear	Robotics
619978	Webelos/AOL	Looking Back Looking Forward
619979	Webelos/AOL	Maestro
619997	Webelos/AOL	Project Family
619992	Webelos/AOL	Build My Hero
619989	Webelos/AOL	Adventures in Science
619975	Webelos/AOL	Fix It
619982	Webelos/AOL	Movie Making

GETTING OUTDOORS EXTRAS

Are you thinking of a close to home adventure for this summer?

If so, check out some of these web sites.

The federal youth initiative called **Every Kid Outdoors** allows fourth graders (Webelos level) and their entire immediate family into any park **free of charge** all year long.

Every-Kid-in-a-Park 4th Grade Free Entry Program Guidelines for Use in New York State Parks

Go to this site for rules and guidelines

<https://parks.ny.gov/environment/connect-kids.aspx>

National Parks have these free entries dates coming up:

- Anniversary of the Great American Outdoors Act (August 4)
- National Public Lands Day (September 24)
- Veterans Day (usually November 11)

The following national parks are traditionally less-crowded. Closest to us is Congaree in South Carolina. Then there's Great Basin in Nevada, Big Bend in Texas, North Cascades in Washington and Lassen Volcanic in California.

In New York the **Empire Pass** may be a great way to reduce costs for your family. Instead of paying the vehicle use fee on each visit, simply present your season pass and it waives the fee for day use entry.

Go to this site for rules and guidelines:

[Empire Pass - NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation](#)

<https://parks.ny.gov/admission/empire-passport>



Information from multiple web sites and Readers Digest Article “National Parks Made for You and Me” by Emily Goodman, June 2022

CBS SUNDAY MORNING reported if you are going to one of the more popular national parks this summer, call ahead or go online to see if the park has a “Timed Entry.” The more popular parks are issuing reservation times for entry to the park especially at high volume times.

THE TRAINER’S EDGE

The purpose of the Trainer’s EDGE course is to provide and help develop the skills of a trainer. This course is intended to “train the trainer” on behaviors and resources while offering hands-on experience in methods and media.

The course will be offered later this month. All are welcome to attend.

Course specifics:

Saturday, June 25
Highland Presbyterian Church
26 Church Street
Highland, NY 12528
830AM – Gathering
900AM -Sessions begin



To attend, please contact the Course Director, John Stanforth at jstanforth@hvc.rr.com.

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.

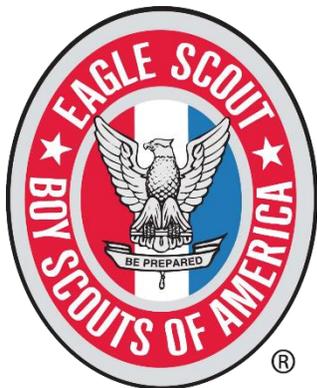
Knowledge of the Scouting program is a plus but not necessary.

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

Interested? See the attached job description!

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

Class of 2020 & 2021 RECOGNITION DINNER and EAGLE SCOUT REUNION



Outstanding Eagle Scout Awardee:

DAVID GAGNON

CLASS OF 1978

presented by our Eagle Level Sponsor

Ulster Savings Bank

Thursday, June 20, 2022 • Diamond Mills, Saugerties
6:30 P.M. – Gathering, Reunion • 7:00 P.M. – Dinner

Dinner R.S.V.P. before June 20th

- Life Sponsor for \$1400 Includes VIP table of ten for dinner, and full page in printed Commemorative Program Journal
- Star Sponsor for \$1200 Includes table of ten for dinner and half-page in printed Program
- Table Sponsor for \$1000 Includes table of ten for dinner
- Individual tickets for \$100 each.
- 2020 or 2021 Eagle Scout Parents tickets for \$50 each.
- College/High School Eagles tickets for \$50 each

For more information, please contact Dana Kuhns, Scout Executive at (845) 339-0846 or Fax (845) 339-1168. *

Make checks payable to Rip Van Winkle Council, BSA.

Mail to: Rip Van Winkle Council, BSA, 1300 Ulster Avenue, Suite 107, Kingston, NY 12401 • www.rvwbsa.org

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

WEEKENDS AT TRI-MOUNT

Readers,

We are reaching out to share information pertaining to a unique summer program for Scouts BSA at Camp Tri-Mount in East Jewett, New York



beginning in July and running through the August of 2022. It is our hope that you will share the enclosed information with your Scouting community.

We hope you will extend awareness of this program to your Scouts BSA and adult leaders as a secondary opportunity for advancement, outdoor education, and communal Scouting activity, in addition to your troop's existing programming.

WEEKENDS AT TRI-MOUNT is a series of five weekends intended to provide program opportunities for Scouts and families in the Rip Van Winkle Council. Four of the weekends are merit badge academies hosted by the Rip Van Winkle Council (RVWC). It is intended to supplement existing summer long term resident camping to enable Scouts to have an opportunity to participate in additional advancement programming that they did not have time or the opportunity to yet complete. It is a program consisting of past camp staffing, local registered Merit Badge Counselors, and many community supporters.

Each weekend has an established specific program or theme of merit badge(s) that may or may not be traditionally offered at a resident summer camp.

Over the course of each weekend session there are up to 12 hours of badge instruction and participation available. Units are to attend as a troop. Units and Scouts may stay for the entire weekend session (Friday 5:30pm – Sunday 1:30pm) or elect to attend on Saturday only (7:00am-8:15pm), depending on the number of sessions the Merit Badge Counselor requires for that badge.

Campsites will be available, and meals will be the responsibility of the troop. Updates and notification of program advancements will continuously be distributed through RVWC via electronic communications.

Enclosed please find an informational flyer which includes dates, fees, registration details, schedules, and a weekend snapshot of the program.

While not able to open Camp Tri-Mount in 2022, this is the RVWC's plan to keep camping and outdoor programs available at Camp Tri-Mount as difficult financial circumstances continue to surround many councils and their properties. We do this for our youth, and to provide opportunities for our Scouts and others in surrounding councils to maximize participation in the Scouting program. Excellent value exists for Scouting as a whole when we encourage Scouts to experience amazing camps, properties, and programs.

We ask that you let your Scouts BSA members and adult leaders know about this opportunity. **WEEKENDS AT TRI-MOUNT** is designed to add to, not replace, traditional Scout Summer Camp programs, and to provide an opportunity for Scouts who might not be able to attend traditional week-long programs to still have a summer camp experience. Because it is held on weekends - starting Friday evening and running through mid-day Sunday - and is running later in the summer than traditional camps, Merit Badges at Tri-Mount will allow a Scout who might have job or summer school commitments during the week to still be able to attend badges on their own.

Thank you for your time, for your consideration to share this opportunity with your Scouts BSA, and for what your troop continues to provide to the Boy Scouts of America.

Yours in Scouting,

Elise Anderson

Elise Anderson
Merit Badges at Tri-Mount Organizer

Danny Zayas

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Merit Badges at Tri-Mount Organizer

Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-6)

PROGRAM LAUNCH IS COMING!

Providing a quality, year-round Scouting program should be the goal of every Scouting unit. The Program Kickoff will provide this year's program planning guide and share several recent updates, resources, events, and provide information that will aid your unit. New this year, we will also be inviting organizations from around the region to participate in the Program Kickoff. Unit leaders will get information on a full year of Dan Beard Council programs and get information from other organizations that offer programs for Scouts. Scouting units can get everything they need to plan a full year of Scouting adventures at the Program Kickoff. The evening is planned to allow leaders to collect information on programs and activities available to them at the beginning of the evening. Afterwards, we will also provide some guidance on how to develop an annual program plan, a budget to go along with that plan, and a fundraising plan to reach program goals. The result is a well-managed, well-financed Scouting unit that keeps your Scouts excited and coming back for more. Unit Leader, Fundraising Chair, Committee Chair, Outings or Program Coordinator, Advancement Chair, Committee Members, etc. There will be topics for many unit volunteers so your unit leaders and committee members can all join and learn.

Meeting specifics:

Wednesday, June 22

700PM

Zoom – the link is below

Topic: RVWC - **PROGRAM LAUNCH**

Time: Jun 22, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85966369780?pwd=Qzd1TUlteHE3WThOc0kwWE1RdFpSdz09>

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**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)



For more information, send an email to dana.kuhns@scouting.org or call the Rip Van Winkle Council

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