



SCOUTING TRAILS

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July 2022 Newsletter

Scouters,

While preparing for a presentation, I was looking for inspiration and came across the following:

“A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove.

But the world may be different, because I was important in the life of a child.”

It has appeared on inspirational posters, wall art for sale on Amazon, or images posted on Pinterest or Facebook. I know it best as a poster from Successories.

I was very curious about who wrote it and where it came from. Often mis-quoted and attributed to “Anonymous,” the piece comes from a larger essay written by Forest Witcraft.

Forest Witcraft was born in 1894 in Wisconsin, and we can find no record of him ever being a Scout. He would have been 15 to 16 years old at the birth of Scouting in 1910. However, for part of his working career, Mr. Witcraft was a professional trainer for the BSA. He was also the Managing Editor of Scouting Magazine.

In 1950, he wrote an essay called “Within My Power.” which first appeared in the October 1950 issue of Scouting magazine. In the essay, Witcraft shows that even someone who is “not very important” and a “humble citizen” — words he uses to describe himself — can have tremendous impact on the life of a boy.

“If I can have some part in guiding them up the trail of Scouting,
on to the high road of noble character and constructive citizenship,
I may prove to be the most important man in their lives,
the most important man in my community.”

Strong words indeed.

I share this with you to remind you that each of you make a difference in the life of a child. Personally, I am grateful for Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Boyd, Den Mothers when I was a Cub Scout. Mr. Wertz was my Scoutmaster and he had profound effect on my life.

Thank you to each of you for what you do as you continue to make a difference in the life of a child.
Be safe! We are all in this together.

See you down the trail...



Dana E. Kuhns
Scout Executive/CEO

WITHIN MY POWER

I am not a Very Important Man, as importance is commonly rated, I do not have great wealth, control a big business, or occupy a position of great honor or authority.

Yet I may someday mold destiny. For it is within my power to become the most important man in the world in the life of a boy. And every boy is a potential atom bomb in human history.

A humble citizen like myself might have been the Scoutmaster of a Troop in which an undersized unhappy Austrian lad by the name of Adolph might have found a joyous boyhood, full of the ideals of brotherhood, goodwill, and kindness. And the world would have been different.

A humble citizen like myself might have been the organizer of a Scout Troop in which a Russian boy called Joe might have learned the lessons of democratic cooperation.

These men would never have known that they had averted world tragedy, yet actually they would have been among the most important men who ever lived.

All about me are boys. They are the makers of history, the builders of tomorrow. If I can have some part in guiding them up the trails of Scouting, on to the high road of noble character and constructive citizenship, I may prove to be the most important man in their lives, the most important man in my community.

A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different, because I was important in the life of a boy.

by Forest Witcraft

COUNCIL CALENDAR

Start	Subject
7/8-9/2022	I-EID AL ADHA
7/15-17/2022	CTM - Open camping weekend
7/22-24/2022	CTM - Cub Scout Family weekend
7/25-30/2022	OA - NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE
7/27/2022	CPS - CAMPMASTER POPCORN KICKOFF
7/29-8/1/2022	CTM - Scouts BSA nature focused merit badge weekend

COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

Starting on Wednesday, July 6, the Council Service Center will be closed every Wednesday through the end of August.

We have found the summer to be a very slow time to operate the Scout Service Center.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS
SCOUT SERVICE CENTER
CLOSED WEDNESDAYS
THROUGH AUGUST 30

RIP VAN WINKLE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER

HOURS

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

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

CAMP MASTER POPCORN SALE IS COMING!

It's not too early to start thinking about popcorn! Our popcorn kick off will be on July 27- more details to follow. Now is the time to start planning. Where will your troop sell, how much are you planning to sell and who is coordinating it? Selling popcorn is a great way for your troop to earn money to help pay for troop activities and to teach the scouts to earn their own way.



Please email me with any questions or information- rsgardner94@gmail.com

Stacey Gardner
Popcorn Kernel

Topic: **2022 CAMP MASTER S POPCORN KICKOFF**

Time: **Jul 27, 2022, 07:00 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84008503653?pwd=eW01WjdJQzdttdDdvaGZyOFhTY3QrUT09>

Meeting ID: 840 0850 3653

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WHY I BELIEVE IN ADULT LEADER TRAINING

(SUBMITTED BY TIM Mitzel)

In the Spring of 2018, I attended the Wood Badge beading ceremony of an adult leader in my troop. During the ceremony, I thought, "I do not need to do that training." I reasoned that I was a scout as a youth, a multi-year adult leader, and our troop's program was well run. Therefore, I "get it"

and know how the program works; no need to train. Somehow my theory did not sit right with me. When I got home that evening, I realized that my theory was the definition of arrogance. That same evening, I enrolled in the upcoming Wood Badge course to challenge myself for being arrogant.



In the intervening four years, I have repeatedly proven my initial impression of the lack of need for continuous training was wrong. In my day job as a paramedic, would you want me coming into your home and caring for your loved ones without the latest training and knowledge? Why are the youth we are trying to help navigate through an increasingly complex world any different?

One of my key takeaways from all the Scouts BSA training I have completed is the need to ensure the program's quality. Requirements and training change; so should your knowledge change. By challenging myself as a scout leader, I hope to challenge both adult and youth leaders similarly.

The RVWC Training Committee is committed to providing every adult leader the opportunity to train. Our motto is "It takes one to train." We will not cancel a training event if we have one registered participant. As a committee, we are also committed to the "purity" of our courses. Following the syllabus, sticking to the timelines, and avoiding the inflection of bias are crucial elements to which we pay close attention.

We have several exciting opportunities for Cub Scout and Scouts BSA leaders to "up their game" this fall. Please take full advantage of the courses. If nothing else (and I am wrong), a bad day in camp is better than a good day at work.

"We are not a club or a Sunday school class, but a school of the woods."

- Lord Baden-Powell

COUNCIL LEADER'S ROUNDTABLE – AUGUST 15

There is no scheduled Roundtable for July

Our next Leader Roundtable will be Monday, August 15th at 700PM on Zoom.

Topic: RVWC Leader Roundtable focus on fall recruitment

Time: August 15, 2022, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting



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A message from the
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Territory**



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Date: June 29, 2022

To: Council Key 3s, NST 1-16 Key 3+2 and Membership Leads, NST Leadership,
and BSA Council Operations Staff

Subject: Annual Registration Fee

Thank you for the leadership you provide to deliver the Scouting program in your council; you are a valued member of the BSA team.

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has worked to keep the membership fee as low as possible. As you know, costs continue to rise, and the annual fee must be increased to address the fiscal realities we face to deliver a safe and quality Scouting program.

To ensure we have the resources to fulfill the promise of Scouting, the following national membership fee structure will take effect **August 1, 2022**.

- **\$75** for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts participants
- **\$45** for Exploring participants

- **\$30** for council-paid memberships
- **\$45** for all adult volunteers (includes cost of background check)
- **\$100** for a unit charter/affiliation fee
- **\$25** one-time joining fee for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts (Not pro-rated)
- **\$15** for Scout Life magazine; this is the first price increase since 2005

The national membership fee helps cover the cost of essential services, including program resources, liability insurance for those participating in approved Scouting activities, criminal background checks, youth protection, and the development of intellectual property for national, council, and unit programs. As we move forward, we will continue to look at the membership fee structure and how we deliver the Scouting program for future generations.

Thank you for your understanding, together we will continue to provide a great Scouting program for our families.

Yours in Scouting,

Jeffrey Hunt
VP, Council Operations

Shane Calendine
VP, Council Operations

Wendy Kurten
Director, Council Services



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

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.

PLEASE NOTE – RVWC OFFICE CLOSURE

The Rip Van Winkle Council office and Scout Shop will be closed on Monday, September 5th in honor of Labor 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 four 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 registered 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,

Catrina Leon

Registrar
Rip Registrar

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

WE ARE HIRING!

PART-TIME ACCOUNTING SPECIALIST WANTED

We are looking for an organized and detail-oriented Accounting Specialist who will analyze financial information, maintain complete records while adhering to the strict standards of our organization.

An Accounting Specialist's responsibilities include keeping accurate records of all incoming and outgoing payments, handling payroll tasks as required and assisting with preparing tax documents as needed.

Ultimately, you will ensure that invoices get paid and clients make good on their promises by keeping accurate records of both uncollected debts from customers.

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

Responsibilities

- Speak with vendors and suppliers to ensure charges are accurate, and payments are received promptly
- Review financial reports
- Communicate with clients to discuss account statuses, charges, or discrepancies
- Participate in ongoing education opportunities to learn about industry trends and developments
- Process payroll

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.

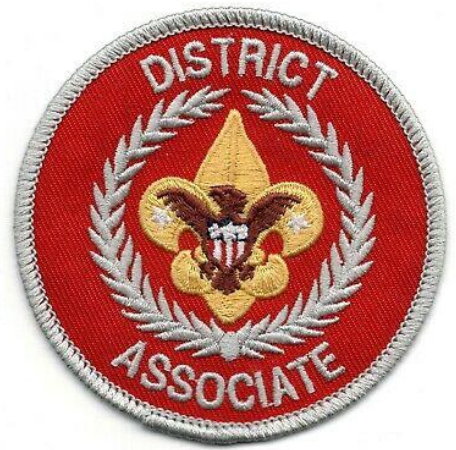
Interested? See the attached job description!

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

DISTRICT ASSOCIATE

Since 1910, Scouting has helped mold the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes and understands that helping youth puts us on a path towards a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

Today's professional Scouters are a diverse group of men and women sharing a dynamic career offering independence, achievement, and stability. This is work that makes a difference, work that calls one to continual learning and challenge, work that offers solid compensation and advancement.



The District Associate selected will:

- Work with a volunteer board of directors and other community and business leaders to identify, recruit, train, guide, and inspire them to become involved in youth programs.
- Achieve progress towards specific goals and objectives which include program development through collaborative relationships, volunteer recruitment and training, fundraising, membership recruitment and retention.
- Be responsible for extending programs to religious, civic, fraternal, educational, and other community-based organizations through volunteers.
- Secure adequate financial support for programs in assigned area. Achieve net income and participation objectives for assigned camps and activities.
- Recruit leadership for finance campaign efforts to meet the financial needs of the organization.
- Ensure that all program sites are served through volunteers, regular leader meetings, training events and activities.
- Collaborate with adult volunteers and oversee achievement of training for their respective role.
- Be a good role model and recognize the importance of working relationships with other professionals and volunteers. The executive must have excellent communication skills and be able to explain the program's goals and objectives to the public.
- Provide quality service through timely communication, regular meetings, training events and activities.
- Have a willingness and ability to devote irregular hours to achieve council and district objectives.

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

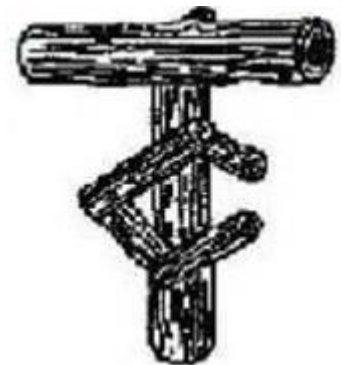
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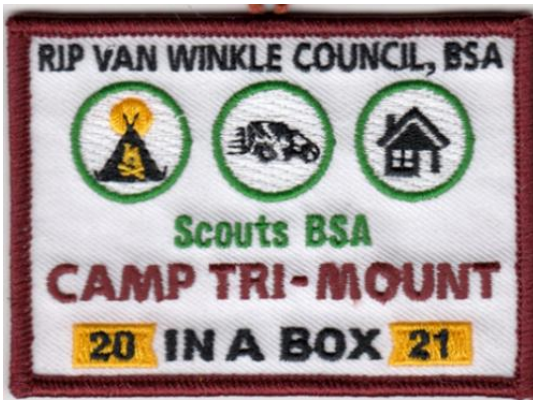
2022 CAMP IN A BOX (CIAB)

<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 has opened soon for the 2022 Camp Tri-Mount in a Box.





2022 Camp-in-a-Box registration includes:

- Registration for up to 4 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

Cub Scout Family weekend

Scouts BSA nature focused merit badge weekend

- Astronomy
- Insect
- Plant Science

Scouts BSA emergency focused merit badge weekend

- First Aid
- Emergency Preparedness
- Search and Rescue

Scouts BSA automotive focused merit badge weekend

- Automotive Maintenance

Scouts BSA wilderness survival focused merit badge weekend

- Wilderness Survival



July 15 to 17

July 22 to 24

July 29 to 31

- Reptile Study
- Mammals Study
- Bird Study

August 5 to 7

August 12 to 14

August 19 to 21

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

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 two 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.



OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Like all councils across the country, the Rip Van Winkle Council relies on volunteers to deliver the Scouting program to our youth. As a small operation, with a limited budget, the council is also in need of volunteers to assist in the operation of the office and the Scout Store.

If you are retired or looking for something to do to occupy a few hours a week, we may have an opportunity for you. Duties may include answering phones; filing paperwork; organizing delivering; pulling store orders; and more. Duties will be determined based on interest and ability.

Ideally those interested would be scheduled to volunteers on certain days of the week (i.e.: Monday afternoons).



NATIONAL JAMBOREE 2023

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July 19 to July 28, 2023
Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia

Hey Scout:

- Are you interested in a High Adventure Outing?
- Are you interested in camping with 50,000+ other Scouts/Venturers?
- Do you want an experience that will last a lifetime?
- Do you want to be one of 36 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-7)
Please see the attached additional information sheets (AI-8)

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