



## SCOUTING TRAILS

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### October 2021 Newsletter

#### Scouters:

Recently, the judge in the National Council's bankruptcy case has handed down a ruling.

This ruling represents a significant milestone in the financial restructuring of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The BSA's proposed Plan of Reorganization already won overwhelming support from survivors of past abuse in Scouting, with more than 85% voting to approve it.

We are pleased that the Court has approved the vast majority of the provisions of our Plan of Reorganization including the local council terms, most of the Charter Partners terms, as well as overruled the majority of the objections to confirmation, and found that the overall combination of the monetary and non-monetary aspects of the Plan are fair to the holders of Abuse Claims. While the Court did not approve our current Plan in its entirety, she laid out a clear path for final confirmation. Negotiations around certain modifications, including to the releases for The Church of Jesus Christ (TCJC), are ongoing. We are committed to working with all parties to make the necessary modifications required based on the ruling and hope to resolve them as soon as possible.

We continue to be enormously grateful to the survivor community, whose bravery, patience, and willingness to share their experiences has been instrumental in the formation of this Plan. Survivors have devoted a great deal of time and effort in this process, and this will have a lasting impact on our organization—their perspectives and priorities are captured throughout this Plan and will be ingrained in the BSA's programming moving forward.

More information and updates about the restructuring are available via the national organization's dedicated restructuring website, [www.BSArestructuring.org](http://www.BSArestructuring.org).

What are the key points you should know:

- The Bankruptcy Court published its ruling regarding the BSA's Plan of Reorganization, and we are pleased to report that Judge Silverstein has approved the vast majority of the provisions of the Plan.
- The aspects of the Plan Judge Silverstein approved include the local council terms and most of the Charter Partners terms. Additionally, she overruled the majority of the objections to confirmation and found that the combination of the overall monetary and non-monetary aspects of the Plan are fair to the holders of Abuse Claims.
- While the Judge did not approve our current Plan in its entirety, she laid out a clear path forward for final confirmation. Negotiations around certain modifications, including to the releases for The Church of Jesus Christ (TCJC), are ongoing.

- The Court approved the treatment of all Chartered Organizations with the exception of the release provided for The Church of Jesus Christ in exchange for a proposed \$250M contribution. The Court found that the release for The Church of Jesus Christ was too broad because it potentially included claims that were not related to Scouting.
- We are working with all parties to make the necessary modifications required based off the ruling and hope to resolve them as soon as possible.
- If you have additional questions about this process, please visit our dedicated restructuring site at [BSArestructuring.org](http://BSArestructuring.org).

Finally, the question everyone is asking is: How does this impact us? It means we are one step closer to having the National council out of the bankruptcy courts. It also means we are one step closer to being able to get back and focus on important topics like growing the number of Scouts in the Scouting Program here in Greene and Ulster Counties.

See you down the trail...

Dana E. Kuhns  
Scout Executive/CEO

## **MUST KNOW ITEMS FOLLOW...**

### **UPCOMING COUNCIL CALENDAR**

<b>October</b>	<b>Subject</b>
8 to 10	NYS - JUNIOR BIG GAME HUNTING SEASON
9	J-SUKKOT BEGINS AT SUNSET
10	US - COLUMBUS DAY
10 to 11	J-SUKKOT
12	RVWC - JAMBOREE TROOP MEETING
13	RVWC - ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE
14	CPS-SHOW AND SELL POPCORN PAYMENT DUE
14	CPS-FALL POPCORN ORDERS AND PRIZE ORDERS DUE
15	RVWC-FALL FAMILY FUN DAY AT CAMP TRI-MOUNT
16	J-SIMCHAT TORAH BEGINS AT SUNSET
16	OA - LODGE MEETING
17	RVWC - LEADERS ROUNDTABLE
18	RVWC - FINANCE COMMITTEE
18 to 19	J-SIMCHAT TORAH
20	RVWC – COMMISSIONER HUDDLE
22	RVWC-EAGLE WORKSHOP
22 to 23	RVWC - BALOO TRAINING
27	RVWC - Executive Committee
29	RVWC - FIRST AID MEET

<b>November</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1 TO 30	CTM-CAMP CLOSED FOR HUNTING SEASON
4	RVWC - SCOUTMASTER/ASSISTNAT SCOUTMASTER FUNDAMENTALS
5 TO 6	RVWC - INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS
5	RVWC - SCOUTING FOR FOOD NOTIFICATION DISTRIBUTION DAY
6	OA - LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
7	RVWC - CAMPING AND OUTDOOR PROGRAM COMMITTEE\
10	RVWC - DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD DINNER
11	US - VETERAN'S DAY
11	CPS - FALL POPCORN PICK UP
12	RVWC - SCOUTING FOR FOOD COLLECTION DAY
<b>12</b>	<b>CPS - FALL POPCORN PICK UP</b>
13	TFT - TENTATIVE TREE STAND SET UP
13	OA - LODGE MEETING
15	RVWC - FINANCE COMMITTEE
17	RVWC - EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
19 TO 12/31	CTM - CLOSED FOR DEER HUNTING SEASON
21	CPS - POPCORN MONEY DUE
22	TFT - TENTATIVVE TREE DELIVERY
23	RVWC - COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER CLOSES AT 400PM
24	US - THANKSGIVING
24	RVWC - COUNCILSERVICE CENTER CLOSED
25	RVWC - COUNCILSERVICE CENTER CLOSED
25	TFT - TENTATIVE TREE SALE BEGINS
26 TO 12/24	TFT - TENTATIVE TREE SALE

AD	- Algonquin District	I	- Islamic holiday
C	- Christian holiday	J	- Jewish holiday
CDC	- Council Discount Card	MD	- Mohican District
CPS	- Council popcorn Sale	NST#10	- Nat. Service Territory
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

**RIP VAN WINKLE COUNCIL  
SERVICE CENTER  
HOURS**

Monday 10:00am – 6:00pm  
Tuesday 10:00am – 6:00pm  
Wednesday 10:00am – 6:00pm  
Thursday 10:00am – 6:00pm  
Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm

**Saturday Closed  
Sunday Closed**

## **TOOLS TO HELP ONBOARD NEW DEN LEADERS**

There are two resources available to get those who just agreed to be a den leader off to a great start. The first is a video that walks den leaders through how to get started using the tools available to them. The second is a digital brochure titled “Welcome New Den Leader.” These brochures are specific to a Cub Scout rank and give new Den Leaders step-by-step instructions on how to get started.

Den Leader video - <https://vimeo.com/569858696>

Welcome, New Lion or Tiger Den Leader: [https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/510-23318-LionTigerDenLdr\\_WEB.pdf](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/510-23318-LionTigerDenLdr_WEB.pdf)

Welcome, New Wolf or Bear Den Leader: [https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/510-23918-WolfBearDenLdr\\_WEB.pdf](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/510-23918-WolfBearDenLdr_WEB.pdf)

Welcome, New Webelos Den Leader: [https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/510-24718WebeloDenLdr\\_WEB.pdf](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/510-24718WebeloDenLdr_WEB.pdf)

Questions? Email [Anthony.Berger@Scouting.org](mailto:Anthony.Berger@Scouting.org).

## **NEW CAMPAIGN KIT FOR RECRUITING MARKETING NOW AVAILABLE**

For the fall recruiting season, this campaign kit gives anyone charged with marketing Scouting a step-by-step guide. Developed by the National Marketing Support Committee, and providing links to marketing resources created by the Boy Scouts of America National Marketing Team, the easy-to-use guide provides strategies and simple, effective tactics proven to grow Scouting. Be sure to use and share this guide with anyone – beginner or expert – who is charged with marketing Scouting. Additionally, find other recruitment resources on <https://www.scouting.org/recruitment/>.

Get the kit at:

[http://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Recruitment/Recruiting%20Campaign%20Kit\\_2022-1.pdf](http://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Recruitment/Recruiting%20Campaign%20Kit_2022-1.pdf)

## **FALL FAMILY FUND DAY AT CAMP TRI-MOUNT**

Cub Scouts and their families are invited to attend Fall Family Day at Camp Tri-Mount on Saturday October 16th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cubs are encouraged to invite their friends for a great joining event.

What is happening? Smokey the Bear will be visiting in the morning, fishing at the lake, Rock throwing, Crafts, Face painting, Pumpkin painting, Haunted barn, Live demos, and a Hayride to get around Camp. Hot dogs, Chips & Water will be available for lunch – or you can bring a picnic lunch.

See Additional Information #1



## **BSA ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The hope at the heart of the BSA Adopt-a-School program is to build strong, sustaining relationships with your local schools, creating thousands of lasting community partnerships across the U.S. Through committed volunteer efforts — from school cleanup and landscaping to Scouts' active participation in school events throughout the year — the BSA® will become a defined presence in improving our nation's schools.



### About

The BSA® Adopt-a-School program is an exciting and comprehensive undertaking that will connect Scout packs, troops, and crews across the country with schools in their communities. Participating Scouts then work, within clearly defined guidelines, to partner with school administrations and offer the volunteer services that most effectively meet their school's needs. With each unit offering their school a minimum one-year commitment, meaningful community relationships are built, and significant changes will happen in the schools. Units may use their service hours to count toward Journey to Excellence progress.

### Project Scope

BSA Adopt-a-School is a project designed to begin to proactively address our community/school relationships. Often, we are made aware of councils and districts with significant access issues related to promoting and recruiting youth from within specific school systems. When the proverbial doors are closed, we accept it and try to figure out additional means for youth recruitment, often at considerable expense to the local council.



BSA Adopt-a-School is a process by which we can begin to address the breakdown in relationship between Scouting and the school systems we serve. This process is where true community development work can begin. It truly is a win-win situation for both Scouting and our schools-

### Volunteer Ideas

- Grounds Beautification
- Building Improvement
- Giving Tree Coordination
- Helpers during Festivals
- Book Drive Coordination
- Food Drive Coordination
- Green Effort Coordination
- Literacy Program
- Teacher Appreciation
- Cleaning up after School Events



**UNITS ARE TO PLEASE FOLLOW UP ON YOUR BEASCOUT.ORG LEADS TO HELP FAMILIES FIND A SCOUT UNIT TO JOIN**

With thousands of families searching for a unit for their children to join via BeAScout.org, it is critical to remind everyone to update unit pins and follow up quickly on leads and applications in the system. Help these families join Scouting today!

<https://www.scouting.org/resources/online-registration/>

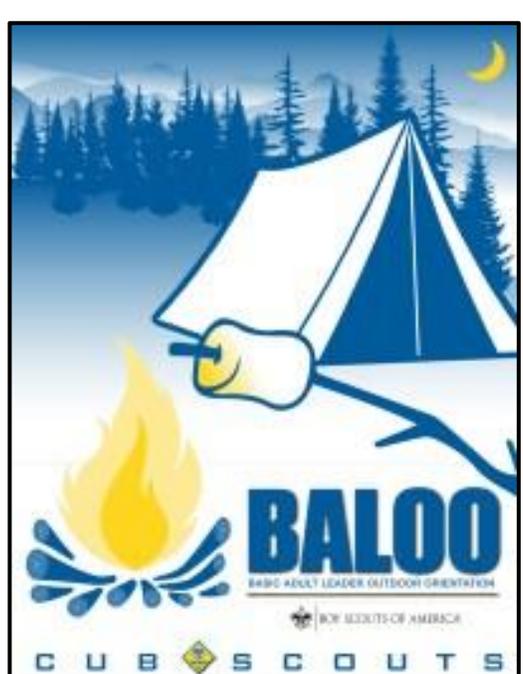


**OK CUB SCOUTS – WHO IS READY TO GO CAMPING?!**

As the leaves in most of the country start to turn colors, can Fall be far behind? Your pack should have an annual plan framed, including Blue and Gold Dinners, Rain gutter Regattas, Pinewood Derbies, Holiday parties, carnivals, and fun Pack outings. Do not forget to include a couple of Pack Overnights!

Pack overnights can be an exciting way to engage new families in our program! The chance to go camping continues to be the number one reason youth join Cub Scouts!

But we also need to consider that Pack Overnights will often be a Cub Scout



family's first introduction to camping outdoors, and it is very important that your Pack does it right! The first step on that path is to have several of your Pack leadership team, and a couple of parents, attend BALOO training in your Council or District.

BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) training is an overnight experience that will teach you all the skills you need to help your scouts feel at home in the outdoors. It will also provide you with an outdoor learning experience, as you will be participating in meal prep, campsite prep, and sleeping in the outdoors. What better way to learn about camping than to go camping?

BALOO is the Cub Scout leader training required for any Cub Scout den or pack outdoor event, including pack camping overnights and Webelos den overnights. This training should be presented by council or district level training teams as needed. Councils may decide to require periodic refreshers based on local situations.

BALOO training is comprised of two components—an online component and a practical, hands-on component. Both components must be completed to qualify as a "TRAINED" Cub Scout outdoor

leader. The online component must be completed prior to the practical component. The online training contains introductory and basic information that will be built upon during the practical training.

The Outdoors are integral to Cub Scouting! And by participating in BALOO training, adult leaders will know how to conduct an outdoor event that will be fun for Cub Scouts and their families. BALOO will provide you with all that information, plus a great learning experience at a camp near you!

Here is a list of some of the information covered during BALOO:

- |               |                  |                    |                   |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| GPS           | Aquatics         | Gear Selection     | Hiking            |
| Nature        | Outdoor Ethics   | Cooking            | Sanitation        |
| First Aid     | Knife Safety     | Campsite Selection | Large Group Games |
| Meal Planning | Duty to God      | Stoves & Lanterns  | Ceremonies        |
| Knots         | Program Planning |                    |                   |

And much, much more!

Check your calendars or ask your local district executive when the next BALOO training is scheduled, and then get your pack's leaders registered!! You will not regret it!!

The Cub Scout Adventure Program is very easily adapted to the outdoors. In addition to the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award, Cub Scouts can also earn these Outdoor-oriented adventures:

Lion - Lion Adventure

Tiger - My Tiger Jungle, Tigers in the Wild, Floats & Boats

Wolf - Call of the Wild, Paws on the Path, Spirit of the Water

Bear - Bear Claws, Bear Necessities, Furs, Feathers & Ferns, A Bear Goes Fishing, Salmon Run

Webelos /AOL required - Cast Iron Chef, Webelos Walkabout, Outdoor Adventurer

### **RECRUITING**

We have plenty of flyers available and ideas for social media unit promotion. We have had a few Cub Scout Packs ask for these materials and they have had great success. What can we help you with?? Mike Bakatsias, Vice President of Membership is full of ideas and support to help you recruit more Scouts into the Scouting program.

### **ON BEHALF OF THE ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

Well, it is that time of the year for our Eagle workshop. It will be an in-person meeting on Saturday, October 30, 2021, starting at 9:00 am and finishing approximately 12:00 pm. This session is intended for all Life Scouts, Star (almost Life Scouts), parent's and unit leaders.

We will go over the process of becoming an Eagle Scout, covering merit badges, duty positions and the infamous Eagle project workbook.

It is a worthwhile training course to take any confusion out of the process. Scout leaders please encourage your Scouts to join us for this course.



All are to pre-register for the session to allow the Council to prepare the appropriate numbers of materials for the session. Pre-register by sending an email to [dana.kuhns@scouting.org](mailto:dana.kuhns@scouting.org).

Mike Harrison  
Eagle Scout Coordinator

Specifics:

#### **Eagle Scout Workshop**

Saturday, October 22, 2022

9:00AM to 12:00PM

Marlboro Hose Co. No. 1

14 Grand Street

Marlboro, NY 12542

All are to pre-register by sending an email to [dana.kuhns@scouting.org](mailto:dana.kuhns@scouting.org).

## **COUNCIL LEADER'S ROUNDTABLE – October 17TH**

Our September Roundtable is going to deal with two key topics:  
*Training and Recruitment*

Plan now to join us and learn more about the various tools available to support you in your efforts to bring more youth into the Scouting Program.



Cannot make it? Have someone else from your unit attend.

Topic: RVWC Leader Roundtable

Time: October 17, 2022, 0700PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89057893143?pwd=Q2xvR0lyZUFvWm9nbHhEMFNiNG1oUT>

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## **ORDER OF THE ARROW NEWS**

Congratulations to Chris Decker and Matt White for completing their Vigil membership in the Order of the arrow. Next time you see them ask them to pronounce the Lenni Lenape names they received.

The next Lodge meeting is October 16<sup>th</sup>. Meeting specifics to follow.



## **SCOUTING FOR FOOD UPDATE!!**

Scouting For Food is happening, but like everything else in the past two years, we have had to make some changes. With the ongoing pandemic, we all know the need for help is greater than ever. We are looking for all Units in the Council to participate in whatever way they feel safe in doing so.

Our number one concern as a Council is that Scouts and Scouters are safe, so here are the highlights:

- We will **NOT** be collecting the food at UPS in Kingston.
- Units will put bags out on November 6th and pickup on November 13th. Units are still asked to report item counts to Council Service Center.

- A limited number of bags will be available for Units to pick-up at the Council Office starting on October 1.



Please fill out your commitment form (attached to this email) and bring it with you when you pick up your bags.

- Units that went to the UPS Center in Kingston, please note on the commitment form which food pantry you will be supplying. For those with existing habitual relationships, please continue to service that entity.
- We understand that the areas Units are responsible for covering can be large and that it may be impossible for you to cover it all with the number of Scouts you have. What we are asking is that you cover as much as possible, making sure to cover the sections that you would normally see the most return from. If you notice your own neighborhood did not get bags even though it is not assigned to you, distributing, and collecting bags there will be most appreciated.
- If you would like to get the word out and set up a time on the 13th to have a central collection site for your community to drop off food, such as your meeting location, that is another idea. We are looking for your help and support in this venture any way you can.
- We also have limited supply of collection boxes, if anyone has a business that is willing to support the cause, please contact the Council Service Center to obtain these and collect them for distribution the same.

See Additional Information #2

### **TENTATIVE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**

It is that time of the year again!! Time to plan for our “Trees for Tri-Mount” Christmas Tree Sale. To have a successful sale we need your help prepping for the sale and helping to sell the Trees and Wreaths.

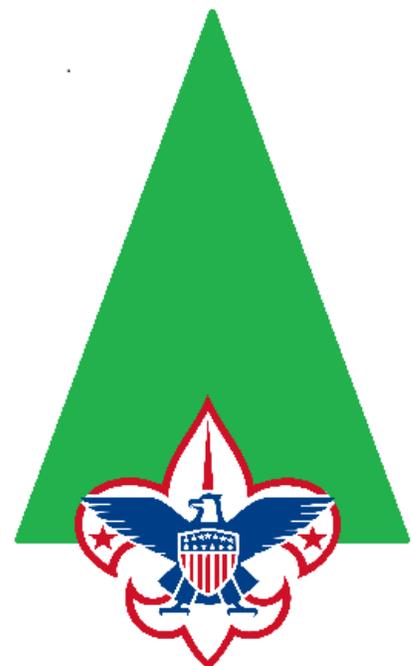
TENTATIVELY, we will only be selling at the old Burlington Coat Factory in Kingston

If you can help with set-up or selling the trees – please reach out to Frank Tietjen at 845-796-6178 or [ftietjen@hvc.rr.com](mailto:ftietjen@hvc.rr.com)

Important dates:

Orientation	October 26
Setting up the Tree Stand in Kingston	November 13
Tree Delivery in Kingston	November 22
Sale begins	November 25

We will be having zoom meeting in October to review how the sale is to be operated.



Topic: TREES FOR TRI-MOUNT ORIENTATION  
 Time: Oct 26, 2022, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84043654787?pwd=d1ZCM3BKbXY0SjBUL3NiM3piM2N5dz09>

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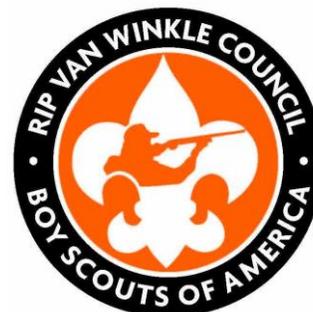
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**2022 SPORTING CLAYS EVENT HELD**

The sun was bright, and the sky was blue.... It was a GREAT day to be outside. Our event chair, Dave Gagnon, could not have ordered a better day.

The 2022 Sporting Clays for Scouting event was held on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the prestigious Orvis Sandanona Shooting Grounds in Millbrook, NY. This exciting fundraising event supports the area youth active in Scouting programs that directly benefit them and the citizens of their communities in Ulster and Greene County.



Sporting clays has been described as “golf with a shotgun,” where clay targets are thrown in a variety of trajectories, speeds, and elevations. Participants do *not* have to be experienced shooters or even own a shotgun to participate in this event- it is for shooters and non-shooters alike! Orvis instructors were present at every station to assist shooters of all skill levels.

Dave Gagnon and all the members of the organizing committee did an OUTSTANDING job! A big **THANK YOU!** to all involved.

Below is a listing of our Sporting Clay Sponsors:

SPONSORS	SPONSORSHIP
Mainetti & Mainetti PC	Breakfast Sponsor
A Colarusso & Son Inc	Breakfast Sponsor
Gagnon Associates	Lunch Sponsor
Bank of Greene County	Lunch Sponsor
Ulster Savings Bank	Prize Sponsor
The UPS Store	Auction Sponsor
Sawyer Chevrolet	Station Sponsor
Portable Cooler Rentals, LLC	Station Sponsor
RYCOR HVAC	Station Sponsor
Kathy Shumway Realtor	Station Sponsor
Gagnon Associates	Station Sponsor

Below is a listing our Sporting Clay Teams:

Sporting Clay Teams
A. Colarusso & Son, Inc.
Bank of Greene County
Team Kiszkiel
Flourish Wealth Management 1 & 2
Gagnon and Associates
Graff Law
Herzog's / KGN Plaza
Hudson Valley Financial Associates
Jeff Lowe Plumbing, Heating & Air
Mainetti & Mainetti. PC
RYCOR Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
Sawyer Savings Bank
Kyle Stellar Law
Team Darius Oggioni
Team Tessier
Timely Signs - 1 & 2
Ulster Savings Bank

### **CHECK OUT THE CUB SCOUT ADVANCEMENT-AT-A-GLANCE INFORMATION**

Inspired by volunteer posts on social media, this current Cub Scout advancement-at-a-glance info. is a one-page document that shows each rank requirement in Cub Scouting. This can help to simplify some information as you onboard den leaders and welcome new families.

[See Additional Information #3](#)

### **JAMBOREE TROOP MEETING**

There will be a meeting of youth and parent of those attending or interested in attending the National Jamboree in 2023.

The meeting will take place on:

Wednesday, October 12  
700PM  
Sawkill Volunteer Fire Department  
896 Sawkill Road  
Kingston, NY 12401

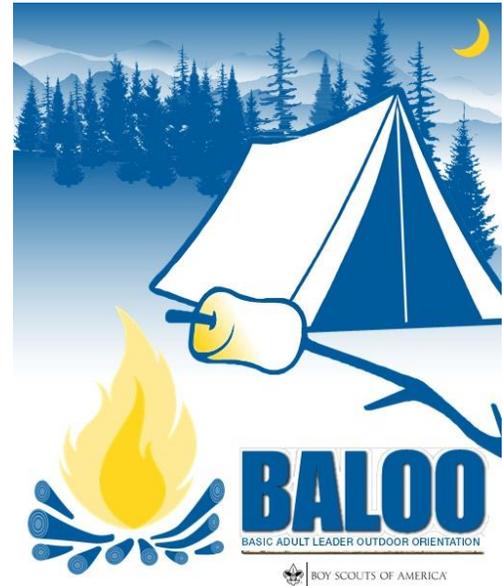


## UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

### **BALOO TRAINING**

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This one-and-a-half-day course is designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program for leaders interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities. BALOO training consists of an online pre-requisite component in addition to an overnight hand on practical. BSA’s Cub Scout level camping policies will be taught along with the discovery of the necessary tools to help units carry out a successful camping experience. Completion of this course is mandatory for a MINIMUM OF ONE adult on a Pack overnights.



Course Director: Kurt Hauck @ Camp Tri-Mount

When: Saturday, October 22 into Sunday, October 23  
900AM Registration  
930AM Session begin

Where: STEM Center  
Camp Tri-Mount  
Boy Scout Road  
East Jewett, NY

Fee: \$10.00

Registration: Send an email to [dana.kuhns@scouting.org](mailto:dana.kuhns@scouting.org) to notify him of your attendance or call the Council Service Center at 845-339-0846

### **SCOUTMASTER AND ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER TRAINING**

Scoutmaster Position-Specific training is the BSA’s initial level of training for adult leaders of Scouts BSA troops. It is designed primarily for Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters. However, committee members and other adults connected to a Scouts BSA troop are welcome to attend. When Scoutmaster Position-Specific training and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) have both been completed, new adult leaders are considered “Trained” and will have the tools needed to conduct an effective Scouting program. The face-to-face style of Scoutmaster Position-Specific training requires approximately five (5) hours to complete.



Course Director: Tim Mitzel @ Camp Tri-Mount

When: Friday, November 4, 2022  
700PM

Where: STEM Center  
Camp Tri-Mount  
Boy Scout Road  
East Jewett, NY

Fee: Free

Registration: Send an email to [dana.kuhns@scouting.org](mailto:dana.kuhns@scouting.org) to notify him of your attendance or call the Council Service Center at 845-339-0846

### **INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS.**

The Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course builds and expands on the concepts and themes introduced in Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training and provides Scouters with the confidence to take youth into the outdoors. Specifically, this hands-on program gives adult leaders a practical introduction to the patrol method of a Scout-led troop by teaching many of the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. In addition, the teaching methods, activities, and games model the variety of teaching used in effective and engaging Scouting programs. The skills sessions presented in Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills closely follow the Scouts BSA Handbook for Boys and Scouts BSA Handbook for Girls and are meant to serve as an adult training outline. By using these skills sessions in conjunction with the Scouts BSA handbooks, trainers can be sure new leaders are proficient in many of the basic outdoor skills through First Class rank, and gain exposure to the patrol method and numerous teaching methods and learning games. Each skills session references specific chapters in the handbooks and highlights the 2018 advancement requirements. Hands-on participation is the best learning tool, and this course models the techniques used by effective Scoutmasters, advisors, and other leaders in the Scouting program. Attendees will see and experience various aspects of how Scouting works while playing the role of Scouts in a troop. Participants should leave the training experience with a full understanding of how the patrol method operates, a feeling of comfort in working with and instructing their Scouts, and an increased level of confidence taking Scouts outdoors safely. With that comes great satisfaction.



Course Director: Tim Mitzel @ Camp Tri-Mount

When: Saturday, November 5 into Sunday, November 6  
830AM Registration  
900AM Session begin

Where: STEM Center  
Camp Tri-Mount  
Boy Scout Road  
East Jewett, NY

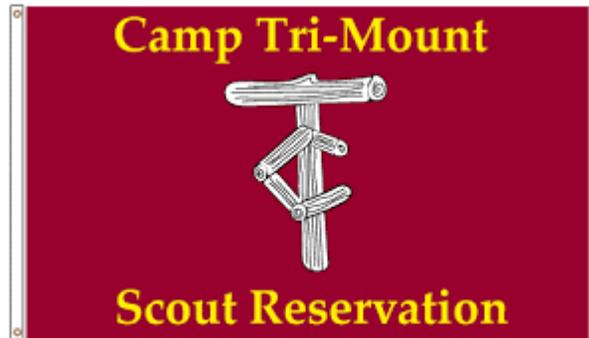
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### **CAMPMASTER CORPS**

We need Campmasters to assist on the weekends at Camp Tri-Mount!

What is a Campmaster you ask? A Campmaster is the Council and Camp representative who will arrive on Friday evening, check in/out any units over the weekend, and render "Commissioner" type service to units in Camp. Although units will be responsible for supporting their own program, we ask you do a walk around to check buildings and program areas, answer questions from units using camp, perform maintenance functions, if possible, to your skill & ability, and report any issue to the Council Service Center. The only requirement is that you be a registered Scouter and maintain current Youth Protection Training; a short training and reference binder with the basic guidelines will be available for any newcomers to the program, or even those needing a refresher. As a Campmaster you and your family would be hosted in Savatgy Cabin equipped with (2) bedrooms, a living room w/TV & Wi-Fi, furnished kitchen, and bathroom w/shower. Each Campmaster will provide their own food, bedding, personal items, and transportation to and from Camp.



Won't you please consider doing 1-2 weekends a year and enjoy Camp in the process? For more formation contact the council office.

Thank you!!!

[Mike](#)

Mike Decker

Camping and Outdoor Program Chair

### **NATIONAL JAMBOREE 2023**

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 is not your father's jamboree. We are 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 is not enough – there is 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

See Additional Information #4 & #5

#### **A REMINDER FROM OUR REGISTRAR**

Hello,

As our active year begins with the school year, we should not only be thinking of recruiting new scouts, but also verifying returning scouts and preparing for Charter Renewal.

Please remember to use the correct adult and youth applications. (The new adult applications are vertical.) Adult applications must have the Additional Disclosure signed and dated in order to process and YPT must have been renewed for the current charter window.

Please remember to complete your Journey to Excellence Scorecard with your recharter. Unsure what JTE is about? Learn more in your my. Scouting Training under Expanded Learning. The Journey to Excellence course is a 13-minute course.

Are you new to the Charter process or unsure of the internet rechartering process? You can find training on charters and renewal in the my. Scouting training, too. Go to the Catalog and in the search bar type charter. There are trainings that range from 6 to 15 minutes.

You can also find a timeline, information, and a video in the links below.

<https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/internet-rechartering/>

<https://vimeo.com/617961049>

Thank you for all you do for Scouting!

Catina  
Catina Leon  
Registrar

**NATIONAL SERVICE TERRITORY #10 KEY LEADER CONFERENCE**



Each council is encouraged to have a full team of council / district leaders and board members participate (all functions):

Council Key 3 & Executive VP

District Key 3

Council Membership/Marketing Leads

District Membership/ Marketing Volunteers

Council Commissioner Staff

District Commissioners

Council Professionals

District Executives

Executive Board Members

District Finance Committee

Council Finance Committee

District Committee Volunteers

Council Program Leads

District Program Leads

...and all other Council and District level volunteers!

Highlights for the Conference:

Thursday, November 3 @ Hangar 743

☑ 3:00-5:00 Council Key-3's - Sustainability

Discussion

☑ 4:00 Check-in available @ Hilton Albany

☑ 5:00-6:30 Conference Check In & Opening

Reception

☑ 6:30-8:00 Dinner Keynote Scott Sorrels, National Commissioner @ 'The Hangar'

Friday, November 4 @ Hilton Albany

☑ 8:45-9:50 Breakfast Keynote Shane Calendine, National VP, Council

Operations @ 'Main Terminal'

10:00-10:50 Session 1

11:00-11:50 Session 2

12:00-1:30 Lunch - Silver Antelope & Silver Beaver

Program

1:30-2:20 Session 3

2:30-3:20 Session 4

3:30-4:20 Session 5

4:30 Box dinner to go

Dress for the Day is Scout Uniform (if you have one), otherwise business casual

See Additional Information #6

## **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 cheerful outlook 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 is not necessary.

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

### **To apply**

Submit or send your resume to:  
Rip Van Winkle Council, BSA  
1300 Ulster Avenue  
Suite 107  
Kingston, NY 12401

## **NICE TO KNOW ITEMS FOLLOW...**

### **MANY PEOPLE STILL DON'T KNOW GIRLS ARE WELCOME IN CUB SCOUTS, SHARE THIS VIDEO AND HELP TO SPREAD THE WORD**

Even though it is common knowledge in our BSA community, many families remain unaware that girls can join Cub Scouts. Encourage everyone to share this great YouTube video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6djc7YZGE8>) to spread the news and invite more families to experience Scouting.



BSA Brand Center features the a 30-second version (<https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/folder/4627825/80197608>) as well as a longer version (<https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/folder/4627825/79932856>) – both for download.

### **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

When you place an order at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate to a charity of your choice.



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.

### **INTERNET RECHARTERING PLATFORM**

Internet Recharter 2.0 was released on October 15, 2021, for all units to submit their renewals online. We have created an FAQ (attached), along with an Internet Recharter User Guide (attached), to give you the opportunity to review the new platform and provide the necessary tools to your council staff when supporting the volunteers with submitting their Internet Charter Renewal. An instructional video walking the viewer through each step of the new Internet Recharter 2.0 experience will be coming soon.

**RECHARTERING  
2023**

**See Additional Information #7 & #8**

### **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND RECHECK PROCESS FOR OCTOBER 2022**

The BSA has selected records of persons in current CBC-Required positions and for whom we have CBC Authorization for the National Recheck process. The Rechecks will occur in October with processing done directly by First Advantage and not individually by Councils. The National Council selected these individuals from your council who need current CBC. The results will be returned to your council account just as any other CBC is returned. We do not anticipate that this will have any significant impact on your council, but if a criminal record is found, it is critical that the record be reviewed and addressed following usual procedure. At the conclusion of the process the records checked will be entered in Council CBC History.

### **FALL 2022 ESPORTS TOURNAMENT SERIES ANNOUNCED**

BSA is excited to announce the Fall 2022 Esports Tournament Series! Throughout the month of October, Scouts aged 8-12 and 13-17 will be able to compete in single-day tournaments in Smash Ultimate, Rocket League, and Madden 23!

#### **Rocket League - 3v3**

- Date: Sat, October 15 @ 2pm ET
- Eligible Platforms: PC, Xbox One, Xbox Series X | S, PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5, Nintendo Switch
- Ages 8-12: [Register Here](#)
- Ages 13-17: [Register Here](#)

#### **Madden 23 - Solos**

- Date: Sat, October 22 @ 2pm ET
- Eligible Platforms: Xbox One, Xbox Series X | S
- Ages 8-12: [Register Here](#)

- Ages 13-17: [Register Here](#)

*(Players using Xbox Series X | S must have the MVP Edition in order to download the Xbox One version to enable crossplay)*

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### **Rocket League - 3v3**

The winner from each tournament and age division will receive a **\$100 gift card** to [www.ScoutShop.org](http://www.ScoutShop.org).

Details are at:

<https://rallycry.gg/scouting/blogs/Announcing-the-Fall-2022-Esports-Tournament-Series/cmMtYmxvZw/MzI>

FAQs:

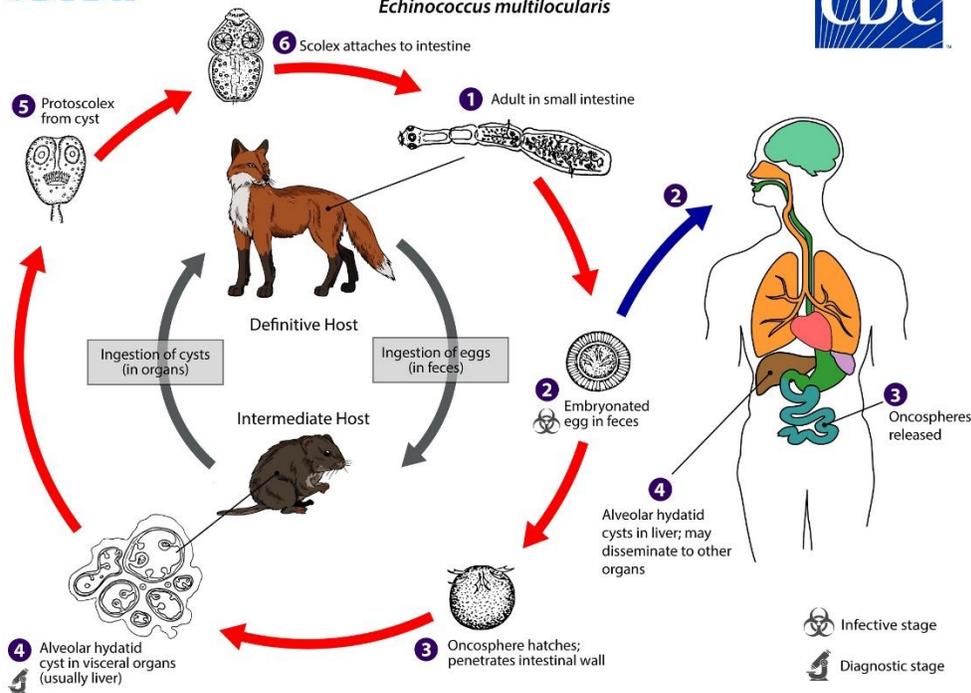
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### **ALERT: ECHINOCOCCUS MULTILOCULARIS DETECTED IN NEW YORK STATE**

This year, the Fish and Wildlife Disease Lab at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF) identified adult Echinococcus multilocularis parasites within the gastrointestinal tracts of two hunter killed coyotes from Dutchess County and one coyote from Montgomery County, NY. Echinococcus multilocularis was first identified in the state in 2018, through the detection of parasite DNA in coyote fecal samples from Fort Drum, NY. The three new cases were confirmed through genetic sequencing and morphological identification of the adult parasites. Further genetic analysis of these parasites revealed that they are most closely related to the European variant of the species, which is of veterinary and medical concern due to the increased zoonotic potential of this variant over the native North American genetic strain.

Echinococcus multilocularis is a small tapeworm that typically infects wildlife but can be transmitted to humans where it causes the disease echinococcosis, which can be fatal if left untreated. This parasite requires an intermediate host and definitive host to complete its lifecycle. Definitive hosts for the parasite are canines such as coyotes, foxes, wolves, and domestic dogs; small mammals such as mice and voles function as intermediate hosts. The parasite's eggs are shed in the feces of an infected definitive host, where they are immediately infective and can contaminate the environment, vegetation, and the body/fur of the host. Intermediate hosts become infected through ingesting the eggs, which hatch within the body and start to grow large hydatid (fluid filled) cysts that contain the larval parasite. These cysts are metastatic and can grow through budding, resulting in the proliferation of the cysts within the body of the infected host. Canids become infected through eating the cysts present in the body of an infected intermediate host, the larvae will mature into adult tapeworms within the host's digestive tract.

**Alveolar Echinococcosis**  
*Echinococcus multilocularis*



Human infection occurs through the accidental ingestion of the parasite eggs, resulting in the development of the larval stage of the parasite in an infected person's body. The eggs can be found on anything that may have been contaminated with the feces of an infected canid. Areas where an infected canid may frequent could have the eggs present in water or on vegetation and produce. The eggs can also be stuck on the fur or body of the animal. After eggs are ingested, hydatid cyst growth and metastasis can lead to serious illness or death from interference with organ function.

Precautionary measures should be taken by anyone who interacts with wild canids following the detection of *Echinococcus* across the state. Hunters and trappers should wear gloves while handling wild canid carcasses. Disposal of carcasses where domestic or wild scavengers cannot access them also helps to decrease transmission. Wildlife rehabilitators and veterinary workers should be especially careful handling fecal matter from wild or feral canids. Dog owners can reduce their dog's exposure to the parasite through restricting interactions with wildlife, preventing them from consuming animal carcasses, and starting regular deworming schedules. Veterinarians who suspect *E. multilocularis* should call the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, Division of Animal Industry at (518) 457-3502.

Preventative measures can be taken to avoid ingestion of *E. multilocularis* eggs. The NYS Department of Health and Center for Disease Control recommends the following precautions:

- Prevent infection in domestic animals by limiting their ability to have contact with infected animal carcasses, hunting their own prey, or eating viscera from wild animals - Regularly deworm dogs and have them checked for tapeworms
- Hunters can dispose of animal viscera and carcasses so that domestic or wild animals cannot have access to it

Wearing gloves and washing hands after handling feral dogs or wild canids (and their carcasses)  
Prevent wild and domestic canids access to gardens where produce and herbs are grown

- Wash all fruits, vegetables, herbs thoroughly before eating them to remove any potential fecal contamination
- Avoid eating undercooked meats
- Treat infected animals as instructed by your veterinarian - Wear protective equipment (gloves) when handling fecal samples at a veterinary clinic

Further information can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/echinococcosis/index.html>

For more information on the parasite in New York State or how to support the current surveillance efforts, please contact current graduate student Corinne Conlon at [clconlon@esf.edu](mailto:clconlon@esf.edu)