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**2026**  
**Program**  
**Guide**



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## PROGRAM PLANNING AND GUIDE OVERVIEW

Scouting's Be Prepared motto continues to guide thoughtful program planning. This guide is designed to help leaders explore Council and District programs, activities, and camping opportunities that support a fun, meaningful Scouting experience. While specific offerings may evolve, the resources referenced here are intended to support year-round planning.

**For the most up-to-date information, visit [gardenstatescouting.org](https://gardenstatescouting.org).**

### Additional support is available through:

**Unit Commissioners** – experienced Scouting volunteers who serve as coaches and mentors.

**District Volunteer Teams** – local volunteers supporting unit growth.

**District Executives** – Garden State Council staff members ready to help your unit succeed.

**Contact information is available on our website or by calling 609-261-5850.**

**Thank you for your leadership as we work together to help young people **Be Prepared. For Life!****



## STAYING INFORMED: E-NEWSLETTERS AND ACTIVITIES

### E-Newsletters

- All members receive *The Knapsack* e-newsletter on a regular basis.
- Anyone may subscribe.
- Visit [gardenstatescouting.org](https://gardenstatescouting.org) to register and stay informed about council news, programs, and opportunities.

### Activities and Events Information

The Activities page is your central source for information about council events and initiatives, including:

- Camporees
- Klondike Derby
- Scouting for Food (community service initiative)

**You'll also find guidance for events involving multiple units. The Activities page is updated regularly, so be sure to check back often to discover new and exciting opportunities.**

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to learn more about e-newsletters and activities





## COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING YOUTH

Scouting is committed to providing a safe environment for all youth members. Youth protection policies apply to all registered adult volunteers and youth participants during Scouting activities and, in most circumstances, outside of official Scouting events. These policies are foundational to maintaining trust, accountability, and safety across all programs.

**Full and current policy details are available at [gardenstatescouting.org](https://gardenstatescouting.org) and in the *Guide to Safe Scouting*.**

**Definition:** Adults are defined as individuals 18 years of age or older in all Scouting programs.

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about Safety  
and Policies



## CORE YOUTH PROTECTION POLICIES

### Two-Deep Leadership

- A minimum of two registered adult leaders, at least 21 years of age, is required for all trips, outings, and activities.
- For activities involving female youth, a registered female adult leader (21+) must be present.

### No One-on-One Contact

- One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is prohibited, both during and outside of Scouting activities.
- Personal conferences (such as Scoutmaster conferences) must take place within view of other adults and youth.
- Adults may not engage in one-on-one contact with a youth member who is not part of their immediate family outside of official Scouting events.

### Separate Accommodations

- Separate accommodations are required when camping or lodging for:
  - Adult males and adult females.
  - Youth males and youth females.
- When youth share a tent or room:
  - They must be of the same gender.
  - They may not be more than two years apart in age.
- Cub Scouting exception: Parents or legal guardians may share a tent with their own child.
- If separate facilities are unavailable:
  - Separate and clearly posted shower times must be established.

### Adult Supervision and Coed Activities

- Male and female adult leaders must be present for all overnight coed Scouting activities, including parent/child events.
- All supervising adults must:
  - Be at least 21 years of age.
  - Be registered members of Scouting.

### Respect for Privacy

- Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth in situations involving changing clothes, showering, or restroom use.
- Adult intervention is limited to matters of health and safety.
- Adults must also safeguard their own privacy in similar situations.

### Cabins and Lodging

- Whenever possible, provide separate cabins or lodging for male and female adults and youth.
- When separate accommodations are not feasible due to space or availability, appropriate modifications and additional supervision are required.





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and Policies



## BEHAVIORAL STANDARDS

### Hazing and Bullying

- Physical or emotional hazing, bullying, and initiations are strictly prohibited.
- Such behaviors may not be part of any Scouting activity.

### Constructive Discipline

- Discipline must be constructive and aligned with Scouting values.
- Corporal punishment is never permitted.

### No Secret Organizations

- Scouting does not recognize secret organizations.
- All program activities must remain open to observation by parents and leaders.

### Youth Leadership and Adult Oversight

- Adult leaders are responsible for monitoring and guiding youth leadership practices.
- Leaders must ensure all Scouting policies are consistently followed.
- Youth leaders play an important role in setting expectations for appropriate behavior, particularly in shared living environments.

## MANDATORY REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

All individuals involved in Scouting are required to report, in good faith, any suspicion or belief that a child:

- Has been physically or sexually abused.
- Has been exposed to violence or threats.
- Has been physically or emotionally neglected.
- Has been subjected to sexual exploitation, including online solicitation or inappropriate digital content.

This responsibility cannot be delegated to another individual.

## DIGITAL COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES

- One-on-one communication between adults and youth is prohibited across all digital platforms, including:
  - Email
  - Social media
  - Text messaging
  - Phone calls
- All digital communications must include another registered adult.





## Be A Scout

**Website:** BeAScout.org

Official entry point for new youth and adult members to join Scouting and locate local units.

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about Be A  
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## Scouting America

**Website:** Scouting.org

Provides national resources and general Scouting information.

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## Leader and Unit Tools

**Website:** my.Scouting.org

Designed for adult volunteers to manage their records and unit information.

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## Scoutbook+

**Website:** Scoutbook.Scouting.org

A web-based and mobile tool for unit management, advancement tracking, and communication.

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## PUT MORE OUTING IN YOUR SCOUTING

Camping is a cornerstone of the Scouting experience, offering youth opportunities to build skills, confidence, and a deeper connection to the outdoors. Garden State Council provides access to a variety of council properties, approved camping locations, and special outdoor programs designed to support safe, memorable adventures for all units.

Council-supported camping opportunities and amenities are available year-round. Availability, policies, and offerings may evolve, so units are encouraged to consult the council website for current details.

## COUNCIL CAMPING PROPERTIES

The Garden State Council offers council properties available for unit camping and outdoor activities. These properties support a wide range of program needs and outdoor experiences.

### Council Camps

- Pine Hill Scout Reservation – Pine Hill, NJ
- Roosevelt Scout Reservation – Elmer, NJ

### Activities commonly available include:

- Hiking
- Scout skills development
- Fishing
- Range and target activities

## APPROVED OVERNIGHT LOCATIONS FOR CUB SCOUT PACKS

To ensure safety and program quality, Cub Scout overnight experiences are limited to council-approved locations. These include:

### Garden State Council Camps

- Roosevelt Scout Reservation – Elmer, NJ
- Pine Hill Scout Reservation – Pine Hill, NJ

### Additional Approved Camping Locations

- Pine Tree Education & Environmental Center – Tabernacle, NJ
- Citta Scout Reservation – Barnegat, NJ
- Quail Hill Scout Reservation – Manalapan, NJ
- Beachcomber Camping Resort – Cape May, NJ
- Lake Laurie Campground – Cape May, NJ
- Estell Manor County Park – Estell Manor, NJ
- Turkey Swamp Park – Freehold, NJ
- Atsion Campground – Hammonton, NJ
- Lakehurst Naval Base – Lakehurst, NJ
- U.S. Coast Guard Training Center – Cape May, NJ

**A current list of approved locations is maintained by the council and should be reviewed prior to planning any overnight activity.**





## INDOOR OVERNIGHT ADVENTURES AND THIRD-PARTY CAMP-INS

Indoor overnight opportunities provide a unique Scouting experience while maintaining appropriate supervision and safety standards.

### Approved indoor overnight locations include:

- Camp Acagisca County Park – Mays Landing, NJ
- JCC Camp – Medford, NJ
- Brendan T. Byrne State Forest – New Lisbon, NJ
- Four Seasons Campground – Pilesgrove, NJ
- Parvin State Park – Pittsgrove, NJ
- Bass River State Forest – Tuckerton, NJ
- Belleplain State Forest – Woodbine, NJ

### Camp-Ins Hosted by Third-Party Organizations include:

Some overnight experiences are hosted by organizations outside of the Garden State Council and are not operated by the council.

Units participating in third-party camp-ins must:

- Follow all Guide to Safe Scouting policies.
- Comply with rules and requirements established by the hosting organization.

### Approved third-party camp-in locations include:

- Academy of Natural Sciences – Philadelphia, PA
- Adventure Aquarium – Camden, NJ
- Battleship New Jersey – Camden, NJ
- Fort Mifflin – Philadelphia, PA
- Trenton Thunder Stadium – Trenton, NJ

### Site Approval Process

If a unit wishes to use a camping or overnight location not included on the council's approved list, a Pack Overnighter Site Approval Form must be submitted for review and approval prior to the event.

Submission instructions and contact information are available through the council website or by contacting the Garden State Council Service Center.

**To download the Pack Overnighter Site Approval Form, scan the QR code to the right.**

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Day Camp



## CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Cub Scout Day Camp provides a fun, themed outdoor experience focused on adventure, learning, and friendship. Programs are designed for Cub Scouts and emphasize age-appropriate activities, hands-on exploration, and Scouting values. All Cub Scouts entering grades 1 through 5 are welcome to participate.

### Day Camp programs typically include:

- Themed activities and games.
- Hands-on learning experiences.
- Camp-branded items and supplies for participants.

Participation requirements, registration details, and camp locations are published annually and available through the council website.

Health and safety documentation, including required medical forms, must be completed and submitted prior to participation.

## KUWEIKE TREK CAMP

(SCOUTS BSA PINE BARRENS ADVENTURE)

Kuweike, meaning “among the pines” in the Lenni Lenape language, is a specialty high-adventure program that immerses Scouts BSA participants in the unique Pine Barrens ecosystem of South Jersey. This trek-based experience emphasizes outdoor skills, endurance, teamwork, and appreciation for the region’s natural and cultural history.

Kuweike Trek Camp is designed for Scouts seeking a challenging, multi-discipline adventure that goes beyond traditional camp programming.

### The guided trek program features three core components:

- **Hiking:** Exploration of sections of the Batona Trail (“Back to Nature Trail”).
- **Biking:** Travel to and from base camp at Pine Tree Education and Environmental Center.
- **Canoeing:** Paddling routes through historic waterways, including stretches from Quaker Bridge to Batsto Lake.

### Overnight Camping Locations

Participants experience backcountry camping at designated Pine Barrens sites, which may include:

- Hawkins Bridge
- Lower Forge
- Buttonwood Hill

### Points of Interest

Along the trek, Scouts may visit notable Pine Barrens landmarks such as:

- Apple Pie Hill
- Batsto Village
- Atsion Lake

The full trek covers approximately 50+ miles, offering a true high-adventure experience.

### Participation and Unit Opportunities

Kuweike Trek Camp is open to Scouts BSA units and is ideal for participation as a troop or crew. Group participation encourages teamwork, shared leadership, and a stronger unit experience.

Program details, participation requirements, and registration information are provided annually and available through the council website.



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Trek Camp





## WASHINGTON CROSSING COUNCIL SUMMER CAMP PARTNERSHIP

Summer camp is fundamental to the Scouting experience, providing youth with opportunities to develop teamwork, self-reliance, problem-solving skills, and leadership through immersive outdoor programming. Scouts who attend summer camp often experience more advancement opportunities, increased engagement within their units, and strengthened connections within their units.

To ensure access to a high-quality resident camp experience, the Garden State Council has established a partnership with the Washington Crossing Council, naming Ockanickon Scout Reservation as its preferred resident summer camp for Scouts BSA troops.

Ockanickon Scout Reservation offers exceptional facilities, a robust program, and a long-standing tradition of excellence. This collaboration strengthens the Garden State Council's commitment to delivering meaningful outdoor adventures and memorable camp experiences for years to come.

**Additional information about Ockanickon Scout Reservation and its summer camp offerings is available at [ockanickon.org](https://ockanickon.org).**

## CAMPERSHIP POLICY AND APPLICATION GUIDELINES

### Purpose of Camperships

Camperships help provide access to meaningful summer camp experiences for Scouts who may face financial barriers. These experiences foster personal growth, skill development, friendships, and lifelong values.

Camperships are made possible through the generosity of Scouting alumni, community donors, partner organizations, and grant funding. Because available funds are limited, assistance is awarded based on demonstrated financial need and subject to availability.

A Scout is thrifty. Scouts are expected to contribute toward the cost of their camp experience through personal effort and unit or council fundraising opportunities.

### Campership Funding Guidelines

- Campership assistance is limited to a portion of the applicable early registration camp fee.
- Higher award percentages may be available for council-operated programs and preferred camping partners.
- Reduced award percentages apply to other out-of-council camp experiences.

### Policy Overview

- Campership applications are reviewed by the Campership Committee and approved in accordance with council program leadership guidelines.
- One application per Scout may be considered.
- Campership awards are non-transferable.
- Preference is generally given to first-time applicants.

### Eligible Programs

Camperships may be applied toward approved Scouting programs, including:

- Cub Scout Day Camp
- Kuweike Trek Camp
- National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)
- Preferred Scouts BSA resident camp programs
- Approved out-of-council Scouts BSA camps

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## Application Requirements

To be considered for a campership, youth must:

1. Be registered in a unit chartered by the Garden State Council.
2. Demonstrate financial need with a clear explanation of circumstances.
3. Provide recommendations from both a parent or guardian and the unit leader.
4. Submit a complete campership application following current council instructions.
5. Contribute personally toward the cost of camp through savings or fundraising efforts.

Application submission methods and deadlines are published annually on the council website.

## Award and Payment Process

- Approved campership funds are issued directly to the unit leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Venturing Advisor, or Skipper).
- Remaining camp fees must be paid in full before campership funds are applied.
- Unit leaders are responsible for ensuring the Scout is properly registered so funds can be credited accurately.

## Fundraising Opportunities

The Garden State Council encourages every Scout to help fund their camp experience. Opportunities may include council-sponsored fundraising initiatives and unit-level fundraising activities.

**For additional information about fundraising opportunities, scan the QR code at the top right.**

## Additional Guidance

- Arrow of Light Scouts transitioning into Scouts BSA are encouraged to attend summer camp with their new troop.
- Changes in unit membership alone are not typically considered sufficient justification for campership assistance.

## Appreciation and Feedback

The Campership Committee welcomes feedback and encourages families to share appreciation for campership support.

### Correspondence may be directed to:

Campership Committee Chair  
Garden State Council  
693 Rancocas Road  
Westampton, NJ 08060

## Camp Fees

Camp fees vary by program and are established annually. Early registration opportunities may be available and are encouraged when planning unit participation.

Current camp fees and registration details for all council-supported programs are published on the Garden State Council website.





## CAMP BUILDERS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

### Supporting Pine Hill Scout Reservation

Camp Builders is a volunteer service program for adult Scouters who are passionate about the outdoors and committed to maintaining and enhancing council camping facilities—particularly Pine Hill Scout Reservation.

Through the dedication of volunteers, Camp Builders help preserve and improve camp properties so they remain safe, functional, and inspiring for future generations of Scouts.

No special skills are required—just a willingness to help and a desire to give back.

### What Camp Builders Do

Throughout the year, volunteers participate in hands-on maintenance and improvement projects around camp. These service days provide opportunities to:

- Develop and practice useful skills.
- Support a mission that benefits thousands of Scouts.
- Enjoy time outdoors in a Scouting environment.
- Connect with fellow Scouters and volunteers.

Adult Volunteers (18+) are welcome and encouraged to participate. Every contribution directly enhances the camping experience for youth across the council.

**For participation details and current schedules, contact the Garden State Council Service Center or visit the council website.**

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Camp Builders  
Program





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about Order of  
the Arrow



## ORDER OF THE ARROW — LENAPE LODGE 8

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is Scouting’s National Honor Society, recognizing Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. OA members promote camping, preserve Scouting traditions, and provide cheerful service to others.

Within the Garden State Council, the OA program is led by Lenape Lodge 8, proudly serving the council community since 2013. The lodge offers year-round programming that supports personal growth, leadership development, service, and fellowship for youth and adults.

To learn more about Lenape Lodge 8, explore upcoming activities, or view the lodge calendar, visit [lenape8.org](http://lenape8.org).

### Lodge Program Highlights

Lenape Lodge 8 offers a wide range of opportunities, including:

- **Service Projects** – Giving back through meaningful volunteer work.
- **Fellowship Events** – Building friendships and celebrating Scouting traditions.
- **Leadership Development** – Training that prepares youth and adults to lead.
- **Adventures** – Outdoor experiences that strengthen skills and Scouting spirit.

### Key Order of the Arrow Programs

- **National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC):** A national gathering held periodically that brings together thousands of OA members from across the country.
- **Section Conclave:** A multi-lodge event focused on training, fellowship, and competition within the OA section.
- **Lodge Leadership Development (LLD):** A lodge-level training program for officers, committee members, and youth interested in lodge and chapter operations.
- **Lodge Fellowships:** Seasonal events that combine fellowship, service, and recognition for lodge members.
- **Camp Service and Inductions:** Events that support camp improvement while providing opportunities for Ordeal and Brotherhood inductions.
- **Civic and Community Service:** Coordinated service initiatives that benefit local communities throughout the year.
- **Order of the Arrow High Adventure:** Discounted opportunities for youth to experience national high-adventure bases while participating in conservation and environmental stewardship projects.





## DISTRICT AND COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

### Council Recognition Dinner

An annual event to honor volunteer service within the council.

Highlights:

- Presentation of distinguished volunteer awards.
- Celebration of Scouting achievements.
- Fellowship and recognition for those who support youth programs.

### District Dinners

Annual celebrations recognizing the dedication and service of adult volunteers.

Awards Presented:

- District Award of Merit
- District Service Awards
- Certificates of Appreciation
- Other recognitions for outstanding contributions to Scouting.

Significance:

- Celebrates exceptional volunteer service.
- Inspires new leaders to engage and contribute.
- Strengthens community and fellowship within the district.

### Eagle Recognition Dinner

A special evening to celebrate new Eagle Scouts and recognize outstanding leadership and service within the council. Eagle Scouts have opportunities to meet with career mentors and gain guidance for future success.



### District Klondike Derbies

A Klondike Derby is a winter-themed outdoor Scouting event inspired by the Klondike Gold Rush. Scouts participate in cold-weather camping combined with a variety of team-based challenges and competitions.

Activities Include:

- Fire building
- First aid
- Knot tying and lashing
- Orienteering with map and compass
- Team-building games

Benefits:

- Encourages practical skill development
- Builds leadership and teamwork
- Provides a fun, historically themed outdoor experience

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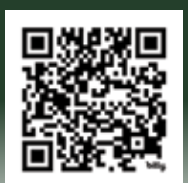
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## University of Scouting

Sponsored by the United Way of Gloucester County, University of Scouting is a one-day training event for Scout leaders, parents, and volunteers from all Scouting programs. Participants can choose from a wide variety of classes to enhance skills, knowledge, and confidence in supporting the Scouting program.

What to Expect:

- Classes on outdoor skills, advancement, leadership, special needs Scouting, STEM, program planning, and more.
- Courses for every experience level, from new parents to seasoned leaders.
- Networking opportunities with other Scouters.
- Inspiration and fellowship to strengthen your Scouting journey.
- Leadership and problem-solving scenarios.

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to learn more about University of Scouting



## District Pinewood Derbies

The Pinewood Derby is a Cub Scout tradition where youth design, build, and race small wooden cars powered only by gravity.

Key Features:

- Competition beyond the pack for top racers.
- Judging based on speed, creativity, and craftsmanship.
- Family and community engagement in a fun and supportive environment.



**SCAN QR CODE**  
to learn more about District Pinewood Derbies



## Cub Range Adventure Day

An outdoor event for Cub Scouts to develop Range and Target skills.

- BB Gun Range safety and marksmanship practice.
- Archery instruction.
- Fishing and outdoor exploration.
- Additional hands-on activities to promote confidence and skill development.

Note: Participation does not meet requirements for BB or Archery rank achievements.

**SCAN QR CODE**  
to learn more about Cub Range Adventure Day



## Pinelands Cuboree

An annual celebration event bringing Cub Scouts together to enjoy adventure, learning, and fun.

Event Highlights:

- Outdoor adventures such as camping and hiking.
- Hands-on Scouting skills to teach teamwork and problem solving.
- Creative activities including crafts and games.
- Fellowship opportunities to meet Scouts from other packs.
- Family-friendly support and engagement.

**SCAN QR CODE**  
to learn more about Pinelands Cuboree





## Emmett Ross Memorial Fishing Derby

An outdoor event for Scouts to enjoy fishing while practicing patience and skill, held on the first Saturday in May.



Activities Include:

- Fishing challenges for largest, smallest, or most fish caught.
- Friendly competition promoting Scout spirit.
- Merit badge opportunities for Scouts BSA.
- Outdoor adventure and engagement with nature.

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to learn more about Emmett Ross Memorial Fishing Derby



## America's 250th Anniversary Camporee

Join Scouts from across the council for a once-in-a-lifetime camporee celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States through hands-on history and unforgettable Scouting experiences.



Scouts will enjoy:

- **Living History** – Explore historic settings and discover their place in America's story.
- **Scouting Adventures** – Outdoor challenges, camping, and fellowship.
- **Themed Activities** – Hands-on programs highlighting key moments in American history.
- **Celebration & Spirit** – Ceremonies, entertainment, and patriotic displays.

**SCAN QR CODE**  
to learn more about America's 250th Anniversary Camporee



## Crossroads Scout College

A program offering Scouts the opportunity to explore a wide variety of merit badges.

Features:

- Day program focused on skill development.
- Large selection of merit badges, from outdoor skills to STEM.
- Partial completions allowed to enable continued advancement.
- Fellowship and collaboration with other Scouts.

**SCAN QR CODE**  
to learn more about Crossroads Scout College



## National Jamboree

The National Jamboree is a large-scale gathering of thousands of Scouts from across the country, organized by the National Council and held approximately every four years. It is one of Scouting America's most unique and memorable experiences.

The Jamboree brings together members from across the nation to celebrate fellowship, adventure, and the spirit of Scouting through high-energy programs and shared experiences. Join the Council Contingent and be part of this unforgettable Scouting tradition.



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to learn more about the National Jamboree





## Fall BSA Camporee

Get ready for a weekend of flavor, fun, and fellowship at the Cooking Camporee, bringing Scouts together to cook creatively, build skills, and compete as teams.

Event Highlights:

- **Outdoor Cooking Challenges** – From campfire classics to creative recipes, Scouts put their skills to the test.
- **Skill Workshops** – Learn Dutch oven cooking, foil packet meals, and other Scouting favorites.
- **Team Competitions** – Patrols and units compete in taste, presentation, and teamwork.
- **Scout Spirit** – Celebrate fellowship, leadership, and the joy of sharing a meal.
- **Camping Adventure** – Enjoy a full weekend of camping, camaraderie, and program activities.

## Cub Fun Day

An action-packed event designed for Cub Scouts and their families to explore the outdoors and experience Scouting.

Activities Include:

- Games and challenges to build teamwork and confidence.
- Practice of outdoor and Scouting skills.
- Nature exploration.
- Opportunities for friendship and fellowship.

## Webelos Weekend

An outdoor adventure introducing Webelos Scouts to Scouts BSA experiences.

Event Highlights:

- Overnight camping and outdoor skills.
- Hands-on challenges and games.
- Opportunities to meet Scouts BSA troops.
- Confidence building and living the Scout Oath and Law.

## Paul Bunyan Day

A fun, themed day celebrating outdoor adventure, storytelling, and Scouting values.

Activities Include:

- Lumberjack-style games and woodcraft.
- Family-oriented crafts and contests.
- Outdoor exploration and teamwork.

## Pine Hill District Merit Badge College

A one-day program for Scouts to explore and advance in multiple merit badges.

Features:

- Wide variety of merit badges, including outdoor adventure, STEM, and life skills.
- Day program focused on skill development and advancement.
- Opportunities for extended camping and fellowship.
- Blends learning, growth, and outdoor Scouting spirit.

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Camporee



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Merit Badge College





Garden State Council Scouts have several opportunities to raise funds to support their adventures, including summer camp, merit badge programs, and other Scouting activities. These programs also help Scouts develop important life skills such as responsibility, communication, and teamwork.

## TRAIL'S END POPCORN FUNDRAISER

The Trail's End Popcorn Fundraiser is one of the most important fundraising opportunities of the year for Scouts. By selling Trail's End popcorn, Scouts can earn their way and help fund camping trips, merit badge programs, and other Scouting adventures throughout the year.

### Why Participate?

- **Fund Scouting Adventures** – Proceeds support camp, activities, and unit programs.
- **Modern Sales Tools** – Trail's End offers an online dashboard, seller app, and Square credit card integration.
- **Online Popcorn Sales** – Reach more customers with direct fulfillment and digital selling options.
- **Skill Building** – Scouts develop confidence, communication, goal-setting, and real-world sales experience.

### Council Support

The Garden State Council provides resources, training, and guidance to help units and Scouts have a successful popcorn sale season.

### Get Started

- Visit the Trail's End Scouts website to learn more and start selling popcorn.
- Questions? Contact your District Executive or District Popcorn Kernel (contact information available on District pages).

**For fundraiser details, resources, and participation information, scan the QR code at top of page.**

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Camp Card  
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more about  
Scouting for  
Food



## CAMP CARD SALE

The Camp Card Sale is another way for Scouts to earn funds for their adventures while offering families and community members valuable discounts.

### Benefits of Participation:

- Scouts keep a portion of each sale to support summer camp and activities.
- Cards provide multiple savings for customers at local and national businesses.
- Scouts gain confidence, communication skills, and real-world experience.
- Online selling options allow Scouts to reach more customers and offer direct fulfillment.

### How It Works:

- Scouts sell cards in their communities.
- Units benefit from the funds raised, ensuring more Scouts can participate in programs.

## SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Scouting for Food is an annual community service initiative that collects non-perishable items for local food banks and pantries during the second and third Saturdays of November.

### Impact:

- Helps families, seniors, and individuals facing food insecurity.
- Encourages Scouts to live the spirit of service and make a difference in their communities.

### Participation:

- All Scouting units are encouraged to take part in distributing materials and collecting donations.
- Scouts help address local hunger while building teamwork and civic responsibility.

This campaign is supported by the Associated Builders and Contractors of New Jersey.





The Garden State Council offers a variety of faith-based programs and resources designed to help Scouts grow spiritually while living the Scout Oath and Law. Through religious emblems, service projects, and special events, Scouts can deepen their faith, develop leadership skills, and engage with their communities in meaningful ways.

## Key Points

- **Faith-Based Growth** – Religious emblems help youth grow in their faith traditions while living the Scout Oath and Law.
- **Approved by Scouting America** – Scouts who earn a religious emblem may wear it proudly on their official uniform.
- **Administered by Religious Groups** – Each faith community oversees its own program, ensuring that the curriculum reflects its teachings and practices.
- **Curriculum Booklets Available** – Families can obtain program materials by contacting their local council service center or reaching out directly to the religious organization.

## Why It Matters

Religious emblems highlight the importance of Duty to God in Scouting and encourage Scouts to:

- Strengthen their personal faith.
- Build respect for diverse religious traditions.
- Connect spiritual growth with leadership and service.

## Programs and Initiatives

- **Scout Sunday** – A day to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting and reflect on the importance of Duty to God.
- **Messengers of Peace** – A global initiative promoting peace, dialogue, and service projects led by Scouts. It supports youth affected by conflict, connects Scouts worldwide, and ties into the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

## Participation and Events

Scouts are encouraged to engage in various faith-based programs and service activities such as:

- Religious award ceremonies.
- Fun and educational events centered around faith and leadership.
- Duty to God service projects.
- Emblem-focused activities to encourage personal spiritual development.

For more information about Religious Emblems Programs, see Duty to God Program Information.

**For faith-based program resources and participation information, scan the QR code at the top of the page.**

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Activities



## RANGE AND TARGET ACTIVITIES

Range and target activities in Scouting are designed to teach firearm and archery safety while providing youth with engaging, interactive program experiences. Activities are conducted with age-appropriate training and supervision to ensure Scouts learn safely and responsibly.

Scouting America follows a longstanding policy emphasizing the safe, responsible, and intelligent handling, care, and use of firearms, archery equipment, and hand-held throwing sports. Programs are carefully planned and managed to provide a positive experience for all participants.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### Benefits of Participation:

Scouts and adult leaders may participate in a variety of training programs to enhance safety and skill development, including:

- NRA Range Safety Officer Training
- Range Master Training for Archery, BB Guns, and Tomahawk
- USA Archery Training
- NRA Pistol Training
- NRA Rifle Training
- NRA Shotgun Training

Check the council calendar or contact your local council service center for information on upcoming training opportunities.

**For training schedules and certification opportunities, scan the QR code at the top of the page.**





Scouting for youth with disabilities is based on the principle that all youth want to participate fully and be respected like every other member of the unit. Scouting provides opportunities for every young person to grow, learn, and thrive, regardless of ability.

While some units may exclusively include Scouts with disabilities, experience shows that inclusion in regular units often works best. This approach allows youth with disabilities to share in the same adventures, challenges, and achievements as their peers, while fostering understanding, empathy, and teamwork among all members.

### Key Principles of Special Needs Scouting

- **Inclusion First** – Youth with disabilities are welcomed into regular units whenever possible.
- **Adapted Programming** – Activities are tailored to meet individual needs, with flexibility to ensure success.
- **Peer Support** – Scouts learn to support one another, building friendships and reinforcing the Scout Oath and Law.
- **Equal Opportunity for Adventure** – Scouts with disabilities are encouraged to participate fully in camping, hiking, service projects, and leadership roles.
- **Family and Leader Partnership** – Parents, guardians, and leaders collaborate to provide guidance, accommodations, and encouragement.

### Why It Matters

Special Needs Scouting emphasizes abilities rather than limitations, empowering youth with disabilities to build confidence, develop leadership skills, and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

**For resources, guidance, and support information, scan the QR code at the top of the page.**



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Eagle Scout  
Alumni  
Association



## EAGLE SCOUT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The mission of the Garden State Council Eagle Scout Alumni Association is to give back and enhance the Scouting program for future Eagle Scouts.

### Eagle Scout Alumni Association Scholarship

The Eagle Alumni Committee of the Garden State Council awards an annual scholarship to Eagle Scouts who are pursuing college or post-high school technical education.

Eligibility:

- Candidate must have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and completed all requirements, including approval by the Board of Review within the Garden State Council.
- Candidate should be graduating from high school.
- Submission includes a completed application and a 1,000-word essay on the topic: "What does being the Eagle Scout mean to me?"

For submission instructions and additional details, see the application.

**For more information about the Garden State Council Eagle Alumni Association, including scholarship details and engagement opportunities, scan the QR code at the right.**

## GARDEN STATE SCOUT MUSEUM

The Garden State Scout Museum offers Scouts, Scouters, and families a unique opportunity to explore the rich history of Scouting spanning more than 115 years.

Visitors can discover over 140 topics showcased across more than 45 displays, each carefully curated and continuously updated by dedicated caretakers. From early Scouting traditions to modern achievements, the museum highlights the values, milestones, and spirit that have shaped generations of Scouts.

Whether you are a new Scout learning about the movement's roots or a seasoned Scouter reflecting on its legacy, the museum provides an engaging and educational experience for all.

**For museum hours, events, and visit information, scan the QR code at right.**

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about the  
Garden State  
Scout Museum





## Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Trained leaders are key to delivering high-quality Scouting programs. Research shows that trained leaders are more knowledgeable, confident, and prepared, directly impacting:

- Program quality
- Youth engagement and retention
- Leader retention
- Safety and preparedness

### Online Scouting-Specific Training

Scouting-specific training courses are available online to help leaders gain the knowledge they need for their roles. Courses are tailored for positions such as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Committee Members, Den Leaders, and more. Completing online training along with Youth Protection Training is required for a leader to be considered “trained.”

**For required courses and online access, scan the QR code at the top right.**

### Hazardous Weather Training

This online course prepares all direct contact leaders to recognize, plan for, and respond to dangerous weather conditions, ensuring safety during outdoor activities. Leaders must renew this training every two years.

**For course access and renewal information, scan the QR code at right.**

### Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

BALOO combines an online prerequisite course with hands-on outdoor experience to prepare adults to lead Cub Scout pack camping trips. The training covers Cub Scout camping policies, outdoor cooking, safety, program planning, and fun activities. At least one BALOO-trained adult must be present on any Cub Scout overnight campout.

**For training dates and registration, scan the QR code at right.**

### Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

IOLS is the hands-on course for Scouts BSA leaders, teaching practical outdoor skills like cooking, knots, first aid, map and compass, fire building, and outdoor ethics. Completion is required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters to be considered trained.

**For course schedules and registration, scan the QR code at right.**

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## Wood Badge

Wood Badge is Scouting America's premier adult leadership program. Delivered over multiple sessions combining classroom and outdoor experiences, it teaches advanced leadership skills, team building, communication, project planning, and servant leadership. Participants develop a personal action plan to apply their learning within their unit.

**For course details and registration, scan the QR code at top right.**

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

### Den Chief Training

Prepares Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts to serve as leaders for Cub Scout dens, assisting Den Leaders and serving as role models.

**For training dates and participation details, scan the QR code at right.**

### Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops/Crews/Ships (ILS)

Teaches newly elected or appointed youth leaders the basics of leadership, responsibilities, and the "Know, Be, Do" framework. Serves as a prerequisite for advanced training like NYLT.

**For course availability and registration, scan the QR code at right.**

### National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

An immersive, week-long youth leadership program that teaches Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts effective leadership, communication, planning, problem solving, and servant leadership in a patrol-based, outdoor setting. Graduates return with the skills and confidence to strengthen their units.

**For training dates and participation details, scan the QR code at right.**

### Why It Matters

A trained leader can deliver safe, engaging, and meaningful Scouting experiences. By participating in these programs, adults and youth leaders gain the skills, confidence, and knowledge needed to make the Scouting program the best it can be.

### Additional Opportunities

Check the Council Calendar for position-specific training dates and offerings throughout the year.





# Ways to Support Scouting

Your generosity helps prepare young people for life through leadership, character development, outdoor adventure, and service. Explore the many ways you can support local Scouting programs across South Jersey.



## Annual Giving

Support year-round youth programs, leadership development, camperships, and outreach initiatives.



## Major & Planned Giving

Leave a lasting legacy through transformational gifts, estate planning, or beneficiary designations.



## Endowment Giving

Secure the future of Scouting through the James E. West Fellowship and endowed support.



## Tribute Giving

Honor or remember a loved one with a meaningful tribute or engraved recognition opportunity.



## Event & Program Sponsorships

Align your business or organization with impactful youth programs and community events.



## Character Partners Monthly Giving

Provide dependable, year-round support for local Scouting programs through recurring monthly giving.



## Volunteer Engagement

Share your time, talents, and expertise to help shape the next generation of leaders.

Visit [gardenstatescouting.org/appeals](https://gardenstatescouting.org/appeals) or scan the QR code to learn more about giving opportunities.



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