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Recruiting Youth

Often in Scouting when you hear the word recruitment you think of just Cub Scout recruitment in the fall. Now this is our biggest organized recruiting event that we have as a council but there are many more steps to ensure success amongst your Cub Scout Pack and Scouts, BSA Troop. Recruitment is a year-round activity. Below are some key dates/events that will help grow your unit.

School Night for Scouting

“Sign-up” nights have been a keystone for recruiting for years, and for good reason: They work! Sign-up nights give parents and youth an opportunity to get to know Scouting at a personal level, face-to-face. Questions are answered, interest is built, and parents see how Scouting is for families like theirs, no matter what that family may look like. What’s more, families often enroll their children right there on the spot. It’s a win-win situation.

Webelos To Scout Transition Timeline

- August: Troops should get names, address & phone numbers of 2nd year Webelos.
- September: Troops should contact Webelos Dens and introduce their Troop. • Troops should include Webelos on their Troop newsletter mailing list.
- October: Webelos attend a campout with a Scouts, BSA Troop(s).
- November: Scouts, BSA Troops should be attending Webelos meetings and talking to the youth about how a Scouts, BSA Troop functions.
- December: Webelos should be attending a Scouts, BSA Troop meeting.
- January: Webelos and Scouts, BSA Troops should be getting applications filled out and finalizing plans with youth crossing over into their Troop.
- February: Troops should be participating in a “bridging over” ceremony at the Blue and Gold banquet.
- March: Troops should have an activity planned so new Scouts get involved and comfortable in their new Scouts, BSA Troop.
- April: Scouts, BSA Troops should be conducting a summer camp orientation.
- Summer: Ensure all new Scouts attend summer camp with the Troop.

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SCOUTING SAFELY

The BSA’s Commitment to Safety

We want you to know that the safety of our youth, volunteers, staff, and employees is an important part of the Scouting experience. Youth develop traits of citizenship, character, fitness, and leadership during age-appropriate events when challenged to move beyond their normal comfort level and discover their abilities. This is appropriate when risks are identified and mitigated.

Youth Protection

True youth protection can be achieved only through the focused commitment of everyone in Scouting.



Scouting America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies. Youth Protection training is required for all registered volunteers. Youth Protection training must be taken every two years.

Required Training – Login at my.scouting.org or Scan the QR Code



Product Sales

Every Scout should learn the value of hard work and earn their own way. The product sale is the perfect opportunity to teach this valuable life lesson and fund the most exciting year of Scouting ever.

Popcorn

2024 saw units net \$267,797 for their programs!

Our partner, Trail’s End, secures storefronts making the sale simpler to prepare and organize! Identify and recruit your kernel, claim your storefronts, attend training, schedule a HIGH ENERGY and exciting unit kickoff!

It’s easy, fun, risk free and will save time vs other fundraising efforts.

Popcorn Dates

- June 15: Register for the Popcorn Sale at TrailsEnd.com.
- July 22 – 24: Claim your storefronts at TrailsEnd.com!
- August 2: Two Rivers, Panther, & Alligator District Trainings
- August 9: Manatee District Training
- August 15: Order your popcorn
- August 15 – 19: Take Order Challenge!
- August 30: Popcorn Pickup & Storefronts begin

Camp Cards

Once again, 2025 will see a program funding opportunity for Spring to benefit Scouts directly. The “Camp Card” program is a low risk, user friendly discount card sold to the public. The card helps Scouts EARN THEIR WAY to camp



Unit Accounts

As a service to its units and customers, the Southwest Florida Council accepts advanced deposits to be held by the council in a custodial account in the name of the unit. The unit account can be used for supplies, registration, Scout Life, camp registration fees, or activity fees. Funds from the unit account can be used in the Southwest Florida Scout Shop.

If you wish to use the unit account service, you may simply bring a check, cash, or credit card (2% processing fee will apply) in the amount you want to have deposited into the account and a list of names of the people in your unit you wish to have able to use the money in the account. Only those listed will be able to use the account. Only the Committee Chairman, Chartered Organization Representative, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, or Post Advisor may change the names on the account, and this should be done in writing. Additional information about unit accounts is also available on the Unit Budget Planning page.

Unit Money Earning Application

The unit leadership in chartered organizations may participate in approved fundraising projects, provided BSA Rules and Regulations and guidelines are followed. This will help ensure the quality of the product or service and the safety of all participants and avoid the commercialization of the BSA. Every unit planning to conduct a fundraising activity (outside of the pre-approved popcorn & camp card sales) activity must submit a Unit Money-Earning Application (Form No. 34427) for approval by the chartered organization and the local council prior to holding the activity.

Family Friends of Scouting

Funding for the Scouting Program, local events, camp facilities, trainings, and more comes in large part from our annual fundraising campaign called Friends of Scouting (F.O.S). This campaign is the one opportunity each year for communities, businesses, and families to support the Scouting movement to help ensure the delivery of a quality Scouting program to over 10,000 youth.

Your annual membership fee goes directly to the National Council, so all the local funds raised are what support our local Scout council each year. These dollars are invested into our local programs to provide new equipment, camp facilities, planning of large events, supplies, and resources for units to use throughout the year. Friends of Scouting makes up approximately 44% of the operating budget each year. All gifts stay local and help to support local Scouting programs and facilities. On average, it takes about \$250 per Scout to provide the Scouting program for one year.

The family portion of the campaign is when families within Scouting have an opportunity to help support the program that their son or daughter is a part of by making a financial contribution. Together, we make a huge impact! That support goes a long way in helping us deliver the program we set out to give to the youth in our communities. We ask that each unit help do their part by scheduling a family FOS presentation. At this short 5-8-minute presentation, a local volunteer will visit your unit, help to share the impact of Scouting here in Southwest Florida Council, and ask if families will consider supporting the cause. Presentations are typically made during the months of January, February, and March.

Youth Protection Reporting Procedures for Volunteers

There are two types of Youth Protection–related reporting procedures all volunteers must follow: When you witness or suspect any child has been abused or neglected, follow the below steps to report child abuse:

- 1. Ensure the child is in a safe environment.
- 2. In cases of child abuse or medical emergencies, call 911 immediately. In addition, if the suspected abuse is in the Scout’s home or family, you are required to contact the local child abuse hotline.
- 3. Notify the Scout Executive.

When you witness a violation of the BSA’s Youth Protection policies, including those described within Scouting’s Barriers to Abuse, you must notify your local council Scout Executive so appropriate action can be taken for the safety of our Scouts.



Guide to Safe Scouting

The Guide to Safe Scouting is an overview of Scouting policies and procedures gleaned from a variety of sources. Unit leaders are expected to review the additional reference material cited prior to conducting such activities.

Scan the QR Codes below to access a variety of Safe Scouting resources available to you.



The Guide to Safe Scouting



S.A.F.E Checklist



Scouting Safety Resources

Council and District Information

For a list of contacts regarding certain subject matter, the best place to start is with your District Contacts. There are many volunteers who can help to answer questions related to training, advancement, Eagle Scouts, activities and more. Find your District by scanning the QR Code below.



Advancement

Advancement and recognition are a fundamental tradition of the Scouting program. As one of the methods that delivers the Aims of Scouting, advancement teaches Scouts self-confidence, responsibility, goal setting, and achievement. The path to Eagle is a journey, and one that takes both dedication and planning. Luckily, there are lots of resources available to help guide the youth and the unit along the way.



The Guide to Advancement is your one stop for everything you need to know about advancement. You can download it online. Scan the QR Code to find information about Merit Badges, Counselors, and more.

ScoutBook

From the first knot tied to final hours of service performed, the Scouting experience is a journey like none other. And Scoutbook is your go-to tool to ensure not a moment is missed - tracking advancement, milestone achievements and all the fun along the way.



If your pack, troop, crew, or ship is already using Scoutbook,

Purchasing Rank Advancement

The Scout Shop is a full-service Scouting store. We have an experienced and professional staff that can help you with all of your Scouting needs. We are ready to outfit your Scout for their first uniform all the way to his Eagle Scout ceremony, and everything in between.

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Scout Shop: 239-418-1603

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Budget Planning is a large part of the unit's program planning process. Providing a quality program to our Scouts is the top priority of every unit and financial resources help to accomplish this. It is vital that each unit plans expenses for the year and what fundraising is needed in order to carry out the program.

Basic Expenses

\$85/year per youth, \$65/year per adult

\$100/year per unit

Scout Life magazine subscription \$15/year Activities

Advancements Reserve Fund

Troop/Den/Pack Dues

How much will each meeting and extra activity cost? Summer, Winter, Day, and Resident Camps Does the unit pay for part or all of these activities, or does the individual youth? What type of awards and approximately how many does the unit plan to hand out? Does the unit charge a due to help cover costs? Does the unit have adequate funds in reserve for unforeseen expenses?

The Southwest Florida Council provides youth with fundraising opportunities to help pay for the unit's expenses along with awards, camps, registration fees, Scouts' life, and much more. Teaching our youth that they can earn their own way is just one of the many values that Scouting teaches our Youth. Last year through the popcorn sale and spring product sales local units put hundreds of thousands into unit accounts to help provide quality program.

Unit Budgeting

The activities a pack, troop, or crew can participate in depends on both what funds are available as well as the plan for how those funds are used. It is important to plan out your unit's budget in advance to match the plans of your unit's program calendar. There are several components that go into managing a unit's account and budget throughout the year.

Sea Scout Program Resources

There are many reasons why young adults should be interested in Sea Scouts. Being on the water and learning to operate a boat powered by wind is a traditional rewarding experience. For thousands of years, sailing and water transportation was the most important methods of travel for trade, business, culture, war, and practically every other major advancement. Sea Scouting is a co-educational program for young adults between the ages of 14 and 21. Young adults that are 13 years old and have completed the eighth grade are also eligible to join.

Sea Scouting is organized to promote better citizenship and to improve members’ boating skills and knowledge through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, outdoor, social, and service experiences, and knowledge of our maritime heritage. Sea Scouting happens on, in and under the water. We are also involved in recreational boating, marine science, and/or maritime careers. Sea Scouting offers the challenge and excitement of the sea including sailing, navigation, safety, communications, mechanics, weather, piloting, and much more. Sea Scouting is an adventure on both land and sea.

Prior sailing experience is not necessary or required. Beginners are welcome! Feel free to navigate the Southwest Florida or National sites to learn more about what Sea Scouts do!



Sea Scout NationalWebsite

Sea Scout Leader Resources

The Program Toolbox

The Program Toolbox is an initiative driven by dedicated volunteers to create and share program support materials with other Sea Scout Ships.

Sea Scout Manual Resource Center

The updated Sea Scout Manual provides guidance and information in four main areas: Ship Organization and Uniform, Ship Operation, Advancement and Recognition, and Safety and Seamanship.

Sample Activities

The ship activities that follow have been successful across the country. Use these suggestions as you develop your own ship program.

Sample Activity Planner

This tool comes in handy for planning a well-organized activity.

Find more Ship resources here:



How & Why to Use this Guide

Units that plan, promote and execute their Ideal Year in Scouting, offer unparalleled experiences that retain their Scouts and families for years to come.

What Are Your Goals?

Stronger program for Scouts at less personal cost to you	More funding with less time spent on fundraising
More parental involvement	To eliminate out-of-pocket expenses for your parents
More of your Scouts camping	Enough money to do all the activities
Increased retention	Scouting to be simpler, easier and more fun

The Steps of the Ideal Year of Scouting

1. Plan
Work your way through this guide and map out the advancements, activities, camping, training and parental involvement you’ll need for your Ideal Year of Scouting.
2. Fund
Determine the expenses from all the activities, advancements, camping and training your unit wants to do, then decide how much fundraising your unit must do to cover those expenses.
3. Grow
When you have a good plan, communicate it to your current and potential Scouts to engage more boys and girls in the Scouting program, along with their parents to help make it all happen.
4. Train
Plan to promote trainings to your current and new leaders every Scout deserves a trained leader.
5. Assess

Get Started

- Start with the next few pages and follow the steps below:
1. Use the Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide / Troop Program Features to make planning easier.
 2. Determine what advancements each Scout will need for the next rank.
 3. Decide what activities the Scouts will do. What activities went well last year to do again? What could be dropped and replaced with something new?
 4. Plan to do at least one service project with your chartering organization.



Growing Adult Leadership & Developing a Succession Plan

Recruiting Adults

Along with recruiting youth we oftentimes don't put enough emphasis into recruiting adult volunteers year-round and having a succession plan within your unit. In the following pages there is information to help identify and recruit adult volunteers into your Pack or Troop.

The most common complaint and struggle with Scout Units is not being able to find enough adult volunteers to help. Below please find some helpful pointers in assuring that your unit's health will remain strong for many years to come.

Have every parent fill out the Parent Talent Survey/Troop Survey Have an assistant leader for each key position within the unit: Cubmaster, Den Leaders, Scoutmaster, Patrol Advisors & Committee Chairs Make sure Key Leadership positions are filled before summer starts

Ask every parent to volunteer for a role, even if it is just a small one, such as a parent helper for an event. Involving each family will bring more buy in to the program and setting this expectation will ensure great parent involvement for years to come.

Key Leader Positions Needed for the 2025-2026 Year:

1) _____
Prospect 1) _____
Prospect 2) _____

2) _____
Prospect 1) _____
Prospect 2) _____

3) _____
Prospect 1) _____
Prospect 2) _____

4) _____
Prospect 1) _____
Prospect 2) _____



VENTURING & SEA SCOUT ZONE

Venturing Program Resources

Let's talk about one of the key elements of all successful crews and an indicator of a potentially successful year. Of course, that would be the crew's annual program plan and planning conference. Research conducted by Eli Lilly in Indianapolis, Indiana, showed that a common element of strong units is they all have a good annual program planned a year in advance that is then shared with all families in the form of a calendar. The important result of a shared annual program calendar is that your crew will attract more families and Venturers will stay involved longer.

Two other key elements of successful units identified in that study were training and having just the right leader to start with. Here's how a crew program planning process works. A month or two before the scheduled face-to-face conference, crew Advisor, committee chair, and crew leader meet to begin preparation. Visit www.danbeard.org/venturing-program-planning, or scan the QR Codes to the right, to get all of the preparation steps. [Annual Program Planning](#)

[Activity Interest Survey](#)

Use this survey to help develop the crew's annual program plan of activities!

[Activity Planner Sheet](#)

This tool comes in handy for planning a well-organized activity.

[Annual Budget Planning](#)

These fillable electronic forms make Crew budgeting straightforward.

[Program Capability Inventory](#)

Use this resource to help get more adult volunteers involved with your unit, and to get those who are already involved even more engaged.

[Crew Annual Program Planning Conference](#)

Use this site to help guide your crew through its annual program planning conference.

National High Adventure Bases

High Adventure Bases

The thrill of our High Adventure Bases runs far and wide across America, and nobody in the world is better at sharing those experiences than the Scouts. Nobody. Learn more at any one of the High Adventure Base websites.

Florida Sea Base

www.bsaseabase.org

Sailing Kayaking Snorkeling Scuba Diving Fishing

Northern Tier

www.ntier.org

Wilderness international Canoeing Fishing
Winter Expeditions

The Summit

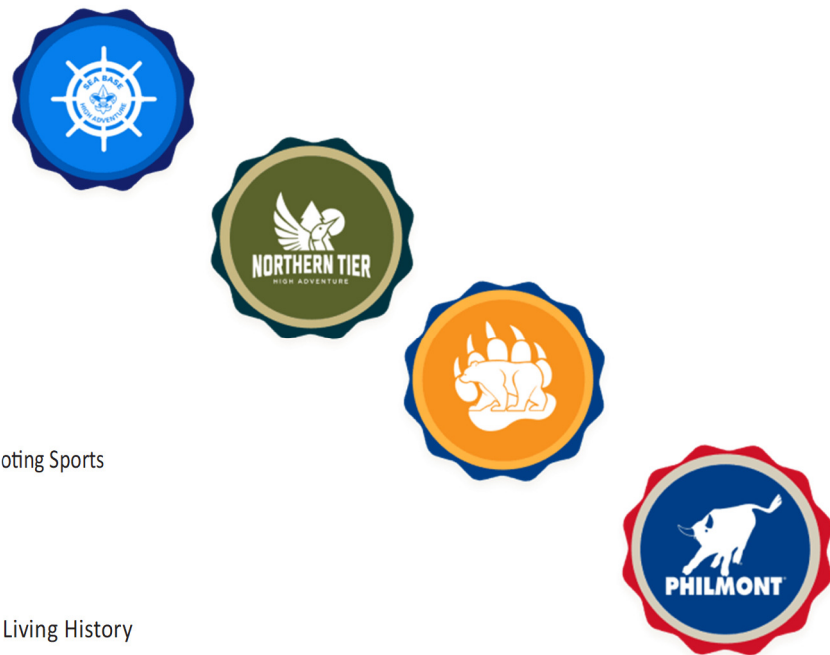
www.summitbsa.org

High Adventure Summer Camp Rock Climbing Zip Lining Shooting Sports

Philmont Scout Ranch

www.philmontscoutranch.org

Backpacking Rock Climbing Shooting Sports Horseback Riding Living History



Council Scouts BSA Youth Training Opportunities

National Youth Leadership Training

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting and powerful program designed to provide members of the Boy Scouts of America with leadership skills and experience they can use to lead themselves and others. This week-long outdoor experience represents a month in the model life of a typical Scout unit.

Find more youth training opportunities here:



Leadership Training

If you had a magic wand, would you use it to make the Scouting program better and more fun for youth, so they stayed in Scouting longer, so it had a larger impact on their lives? What if the same magic wand made leadership roles easier, more rewarding, and led to better retention among adult leaders? Would using that magic wand be a top priority? Well, such a magic wand does exist—in the form of the learning programs for leaders in the Boy Scouts of America.

Access Your Training

Kick off a new year of Scouting with the training you need to be a successful unit leader. The BSA's Scouting U team continues to update the available leader training in the Training Center available at my.scouting.org. Now at my.scouting.org, leaders can get trained for their volunteer role without leaving the house. Complete the courses at your own pace from a home computer or tablet. The Training Center is designed to provide content in short modules that you can quickly get refreshed on as you prepare to meet with your units.

Scouting U

Scouting U is a one-day leader training program designed for YOU, the parents, volunteers, and leaders in Scouting. The day provides hundreds of unique classes and trainings that offer ideas and resources in areas to benefit your Pack, Troop, Team or Crew. Scouting U is offered once a year to assist ALL Scout volunteers in their Scouting positions. It's a one stop shop for everything you want to know about Scouting. Learn more at www.scouting.org.

Wood Badge

Wood Badge is the ultimate leadership training program for the adult leaders of the Boy Scouts of America. Similar courses on the corporate side cost thousands of dollars per attendee and may not offer the same depth. Wood Badge is a modern format of training that delivers the latest in 12 leadership skills that will help you be the best leader possible.

These are skills that will become part of your everyday life. You will use these skills at home, church, and anywhere leadership is needed. The course is designed to provide the highest quality course with the most experienced staff to a diverse audience. We promise you friendship, camaraderie, knowledge, personal awareness, and most of all fun. Learn more at www.danbeard.org/WoodBadge.

Find more about Adult Leader Training opportunities:



PLANNING YOUR YEAR



A good program for your Scouts takes planning and preparation. This summer, your unit committee (youth leaders should be involved for Troops, Crews and Posts) should plan out its program for the next year. Going through this process will help you excite your families, retain your Scouts and Explorers and it will help you recruit more leaders.

While this is a simple process, it will probably take 2-or-3 meetings to complete. Here are the basic steps:

- **Membership** - How many of your Scouts/Explorers will be returning in the fall and how many more do you expect to pick up at a Sign-Up Night, Open House or through other efforts?
- **Volunteers** - Who is confirmed and where do you have holes to fill? **Leverage existing families and their networks to fill Lion and Tiger Den Leader roles over the summer.**
- **Program** - Brainstorm a big wish list of all the activities you'd like to do over the next 12-18 months.
- **Calendar** – Create a calendar and fill in the items you know will be happening (Camporee, Cub Family Campout, Pinewood Derby, Courts of Honor, Blue & Gold, trips, etc.) Then take your top ideas from the Brainstorming session and fill those items in to finish up your calendar.
- **Budget** - Families want to know how the money for your unit is brought in and spent. Keep them in the loop. Look at the cost of all your activities for the year and other Unit expenses (such as awards, camperships, equipment and registration) and plot them out. Know what it will cost for a youth to have a full year of program in your Unit.
- **Income** - How are you going to pay for all of this fun? Most should come from the Popcorn and Camp Card sale. Popcorn and Camp Card sales are easy options because they are branded to support Scouting.
- **Educate** - Let your parents know the plans for the next year. Show them the calendar and the budget. Show them how money raised can help their youth earn their Ideal Year of Scouting.

National Outdoor Awards Program

Do you enjoy camping under the stars, rafting on a whitewater river, or hitting the trail afoot, on a bike, or even on a horse? If so, the National Outdoor Awards are for you. There is nothing virtual about these awards you can earn them only by demonstrating knowledge and experience in the outdoors.



So, if you are a member of Scouts BSA, Varsity Scout, Sea Scout, or Venture Scout, and think you are tough and disciplined enough to hike or ride the miles, camp the nights, run the rivers or lakes, or do the work to conserve the land, then read on and see if the National Outdoor badges or possibly the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement could be for you! Scan the QR Code.



Annual Troop Program Planning Conference

This is the step where your troop program comes alive. The success of this conference began when you, the Scoutmaster, prepared your senior patrol leader. Be alert throughout the conference to help the senior patrol leader. Don't wait for him to fail but be careful not to take over for him. Careful, nonintrusive coaching will help your senior patrol leader build confidence. Share your leadership with them.

Who Attends the Conference?

The troop's annual planning conference is attended by the Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster for the new-Scout patrol, assistant Scoutmaster for the Venture patrol, senior patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, patrol leaders, and troop guide.

Physical Arrangements

Careful planning should ensure that this planning conference is a first-class experience for your youth leaders. Pick a location that would be special to your Scouts, possibly one offering opportunities for other activities, such as swimming, boating, etc. You can make it a weekend experience, although the conference is easily completed in a day.

Whichever you do, don't involve the youth leaders in a lot of housekeeping chores that distract them from the primary purpose of planning the troop program. Consider using other troop adults to cook and clean up; let your patrol leaders' council concentrate on the task at hand. Make sure the facilities are suited for a conference. Is ventilation good? Is there sufficient lighting? Are the chairs comfortable? Are there tables to work on? Is there a way to hang calendars on the wall?

Setting up the conference facility should have been previously assigned to members of the patrol leader's council. When directing a session, your senior patrol leader should be aware that it's easy to get sidetracked. If the group starts to drift away from the agenda, a gentle nudge from you may be in order to put them back on course.



Troop Leader Resources

Troop Program Resources is designed to serve as a planning tool for troop leaders. Its aim is to provide resources that contribute to making parts of the troop meeting more meaningful, engaging, and fun. The ideas and examples contained in Troop Program Resources can be used by troop leaders and Scouts in various positions:

Patrol Leaders’ Council
For the Patrol Leaders’ Council eager to plan an activity that fits well with a current theme, or will help add a whole lot of fun to the meeting, there’s a large compilation of Troop Meeting Activities

Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Junior Leaders
For the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, and junior leaders who want to become more confident in their ability to present campcraft skills, there’s a reference library of Campcraft Skill Videos

Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader, and Individual Patrols
For the Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader, and individual patrols, there’s information about presenting impressive Troop Meeting Ceremonies, along with a collection of ideas and examples.

Scoutmaster and Adult Leaders
For the Scoutmaster and Adult Leaders, there’s an extensive library of thought-provoking Leader’s Minutes that will capture and hold the troop’s attention towards the meeting’s end.

Troop Meeting Activities



Campcraft Skill Videos



Troop Meeting Ceremonies



Utilizing Camp Facilities for Your Program

Whether you are part of a Scouting unit, a community organization, or a business, the Southwest Florida Council camping facilities are a great place to hold your next event! The facilities at our camps can be rented by the day, prices are always reasonable, and many outdoor programs and activities can be provided for your group.

The Southwest Florida Council is happy to offer use of our Council Camps, Equipment, and Programs throughout the year. Usage of Camps includes reservations of campsites, shelters, and program centers, equipment rental, tours, use of the shooting ranges, COPE/Climbing, aquatics events, hiking, and much more!

Council Camping Properties

The Southwest Florida Council operates 2 camp properties to support our youth, parents and leaders. Camp Flying Eagle, located on the Manatee River in Bradenton, Florida consists of 185 acres, and Camp Miles, located on the Price-Sanders Scout Reservation located in Punta Gorda, Florida, consists of 1,280 acres, both of which provide a unique camping experience for our Scouts and leaders on a year-round basis.

Council Wide Events

Spook-O-Ree

The Spook-O-Ree is a family Halloween event for everyone! The Spook-O-Ree is packed with activities including hayrides, storytelling, the haunted castle, midway games, the haunted trail, and more! Come as a pack, a den, or as a family. And everyone is invited, so bring your friends.

The Challenge

Bring your Scout BSA youth, practice your best dog bark and join us as we test your skills, learn some new skills. compete for the spirit bone and see who will take home the “top dog trophy”.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Southwest Florida Council has brought back Cub Scout Day Camps for 2026. Day Camp offers the fun of camp right in your own backyard. It is the perfect place to experience the best activities in Cub Scouts. Explore the outdoors of a local park with games, crafts, and challenges! These 5-day camps include activities such as archery, BB guns, fishing, hiking, STEM, and more.

Service Projects

A service project is a special Good Turn that puts Scout spirit into action. Some Good Turns are big – saving a life, helping after floods or other disasters, recycling community trash, working on conservation projects. But Good Turns are often small, thoughtful acts — helping a child cross a busy street, going to the store for an elderly neighbor, cutting back brush that is blocking a sign, doing something special for a brother or sister, or welcoming a new student to your school. Anyone can get involved in a Good Turn.

Find more Service Projects here:



Service Hours Reporting

As a unit, you can and should track your service hours. It will make you and your families feel good about the collective impact you are having in your community. Units should log service hours via ScoutBook, then clicking on “Activity Logs” or directly in Internet Advancement 2.0.



CUB SCOUT ZONE



Pack and Den Leader Resources

There are several Pack resources and forms that might assist you in your planning. Did you know there were Pack calendar planning templates, campfire program planners, family talent surveys to help with parent involvement, and more? We want to make sure that you are armed with all the information and resources you need to make the program easy, exciting, and fun for both you and the Scouts.



Advancement

Advancement is one of the methods used to achieve Scouting's aims: character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. The advancement program is designed to help the Cub Scout achieve these aims and aid in his or her personal growth.

You can download great resources by scanning the below QR Codes – you can find Pack Committee Resources, Blue and Gold Resources, New Den Leader Information, Den Meeting Plans, and more!

The Guide to Advancement:



National Summertime Pack Award

To encourage a pack to continue being active when school is out for the summer, individual Scouts or entire Packs can be awarded the National Summertime Pack Award by doing one activity per month in June, July, and August. This is a great way to keep your Pack engaged this summer. Simple meetings such as hikes, summertime advancement ceremonies that are carefully planned can meet the requirements for the award. For more information, please visit www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/national-summertime