PLANNING CALENDAR 2024-2025

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District Calendars

Bayou

• Roundtable/District Committee meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month

09/14 Cub Scout Rocket Day

10/12 Trail to Bobcat

01/25 Scout Day at Bayou Country Children's Museum

02/09 Scout Sunday

04/05 Scouts BSA Kayak Race

07/26 Cub Day Camp in a Day

Fleur de Lis

- Scouts BSA Roundtables and District Committee meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month
- Cub Roundtable meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month

01/18 Merit Badge College-UNO College of Engineering

03/28 Spirit of Scouting Soire

05/07 District Banquet

Cataouatche

- Roundtables & Commissioner Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month
- District Committee meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month

09/28 Merit Badge College-Archbishop Shaw High School

10/5-6 District Scout Overnighter-Louis H. Marrrero Park (Westwego)

11/02 Webelos/Arrow of Light Day-KC Hall Westwego

Emerging Markets

• District Committee/Commissioner meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month

Cypress

- District Roundtable are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month
- District Committee Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month

10/10 District Golden Eagle Event

12/6-8 Webelos Fellowship Weekend

02/08 Pinewood Derby

04/06 District Banquet

4/25-27 District Camporee (hosted by Pelican & Cypress)

06/07 Cub Day Camp in a Day

06/28 Slidell Heritage Festival Fundraiser-Heritage Park Slidell

Pelican

- Roundtables are held on the 1st Thursday of each month (see exception in July below)
- Commissioner meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (see exception in June below)
- District Committee meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month

10/5 Trail to First Class/Webelos Requirements Day

4/25-27 District Camporee (hosted by Pelican & Cypress)

5/27-30 Cub Scout Day Camp



August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Scout Scarf Day	2 OA Summer Fellowship	3 OA Summer Fellowship
4 OA Summer Fellowship	5 Popcorn Unit Show-N-Sell Orders Due Online	6	7 Council Marketing Committee Mtg.	8 Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Awards Gala	9	10 National Spoil Your Dog Day
11	12 Council Training Committee Mtg.	13	14	15	16	17 Cub Leader Specific and Troop Committee Trainings Commissioner Science
18 OA LEC	19	20	21 Council Executive Committee Mtg.	22	23	Courses 24 Popcorn Show-N-Sell Distribution
25	26 Cub Camping Committee Mtg. Cub Scout Day Camp Committee Mtg.	27 Council Camping & Outdoor Program Committee Mtg. Council Shooting Sports Committee Mtg.	28	29	30	31 Council Climbing Staff Real Rock Trip



September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Council Climbing Staff Real Rock Trip LSU at USC	2 Council Climbing Staff Real Rock Trip Office Closed-Labor Day	3	4 Council Marketing Committee Mtg.	5	6 Shoot Swim Climb	7 Shoot Swim Climb LSU vs. Nicholls
8 Shoot Swim Climb	9 Council Training Committee Mtg.	10	11	12	13	14 Cub Scout Rocket Day (hosted by Bayou District) LSU at South Carolina
15 OA LEC	16	17	18 Council Executive Board Mtg.	19 National Batman Day	20	21 Cub Leader Specific and Troop Committee Trainings Commissioner Orientation BB & Archery Range Master Training LSU vs. UCLA
22	23 Cub Camping Committee & Cub Day Camp Committee Mtg.	24 Council Camping & Outdoor Program Committee Mtg. Council Shooting Sports Meeting	25	26	27	28 Cub Scout Zoo- fari BALOO-Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
29 BALOO-Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation	30					BB & Archery Range Master Training LSU vs. S. Carolina



October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Popcorn Unit Take Orders Begin	2 Council Marketing Committee Mtg. Rosh Hashana Begins	3	4 Rosh Hashana Ends	5 Trail to First Class/ Webelos Requirements Day NRA Range Safety Officer Training LSU Bye Week
6	7	8 Council Advancement Committee Mtg.	9	10	11	12 Cub Leader Specific and Troop Committee Trainings & Commissioner Onboarding LSU vs. Ole Miss
13 Wood Badge Reunion Dinner	14 Council Training Committee Mtg.	15 National Grouch Day	16 Council Executive Committee Mtg.	17	18 Cub Fall Encampment International Jamboree on the Air/ Internet	19 Cub Fall Encampment International Jamboree on the Air/ Internet LSU at Arkansas
20 Cub Fall Encampment International Jamboree on the Air/ Internet OA LEC	21	22	23	24	25 BSA Certified Angler Instructor Course	26 BALOO-Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation BSA Certified Angler
27 BSA Certified Angler Instructor Course BALOO- Basic Adult Leader Outdoor	28 Cub Camping & Cub Day Camp Committee Mtg. Popcorn Take Orders Due Online	29 Council Camping & Outdoor Program Committee Mtg. & Shooting Sports Committee Mtg.	30	31 Halloween		Instructor Course LSU at Texas A&M



November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					I	2 Webelos/Arrow of Light Day Open Climbing/COPE/ Shooting Climbing Tower Training Cub Day Camp School
3 Climbing Tower Training Cub Day Camp School	4 National Candy Day	5 Popcorn Unit Transfers Due Online	6 Council Marketing Committee Mtg.	7	8 OA Fall Ordeal/LEC	9 OA Fall Ordeal/ LEC NRA Rifle Instructor Training LSU vs. Alabama
10 OA Fall Ordeal/LEC NRA Rifle Instructor Training	11 Council Training Committee Mtg.	12	13	14	15 Popcorn Take Order Balances Due to Council	16 Council Conservation Activity Cub Leader Specific and Troop Committee Trainings Popcorn Take Order Distribution LSU at Florida
17	18	19	20 Council Annual Business Mtg.	21	22 Scouts BSA Thanksgiving Camp	23 Scouts BSA Thanksgiving Camp Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills LSU vs. Vanderbilt
24 Scouts BSA Thanksgiving Camp Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills	25 Cub Camping & Cub Day Camp Committee Mtgs.	26 Council Camping, Outdoor Program, & Shooting Sports Committee Mtgs.	27	28 Office Closed for Thanksgiving	29 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Ten Commandments Hike	30 LSU vs. Oklahoma



December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Council Marketing Committee Mtg.	5	6 OA Fall Fellowship/ LEC	7 OA Fall Fellowship/ LEC Webelos Fellowship Weekend SEC Championship
8 OA Fall Fellowship/ LEC	9 Council Training Committee Mtg.	10	11 Photos with Santa	12	13 NRA Shotgun Instructor Training	14 NRA Shotgun Instructor Training Cub Scout Adventure Day Photos With Santa
15 NRA Shotgun Instructor Training	16	17 Council Camping & Outdoor Program Mtg.	18 Council Executive Committee Mtg. National Answer the Phone Like Buddy the Elf Day	19	20	21
22	23	24 Office Closed for Christmas Eve	25 Office Closed for Christmas Hannukah Begins	26	27 Scouts BSA Winter Camp & NYLT	28 Scouts BSA Winter Camp & NYLT Intro. to Outdoor Leader Training
29 Scouts BSA Winter Camp & NYLT Intro. to Outdoor Leader Training	30 Scouts BSA Winter Camp & NYLT	31 Scouts BSA Winter Camp & NYLT Office Closed for New Year's Eve				



January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Closed for New Year's International Self- Care Day	2 Hannukah Ends	3	4
5	6	7	8 Council Marketing Committee Mtg.	9	10	11 Pinewood Derby Workshop
12 Annual Camp Inspection	13 Council Training Committee Mtg.	14 Council Advancement Committee Mtg.	15	16	17	18 Cub Leader Specific and Troop Committee Trainings Commissioner Orientation Merit Badge College
19 OA LEC	20 Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Cub Scout Day	21 Climbing Level I Classroom Training	22	23 Climbing Level I Classroom Training	24	25 Scout Day at Bayou Country Children's Museum WWII Museum Scout Week Begins Pinewood Derby Workshop
26	27 Cub Camping & Day Camp Committee Mtgs.	28 Council Shooting Sports & Council Camping & Outdoor Program Mtg. Climbing Level I Classroom Training	29	30 Climbing Level I Classroom Training	31 OA Section Impact Seminar	



February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 OA Section Impact Seminar Interfaith Retreat Walk-Through BALOO-Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
2 OA Section Impact Seminar Scout Sundays Begin BALOO-Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation	3	4 National Thank Your Postman Day	5 Council Marketing Committee Mtg.	6	7	8 Climbing Level I Training Pinewood Derby (hosted by Cypress District)
9 Climbing Level I Training Scout Sunday (hosted by Bayou District)	10 Council Training Committee Mtg.	11	12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15 Cub Leader Specific and Troop Committee Trainings Commissioner Onboarding Mardi Gras Parade (hosted by Pack 117)
16 OA LEC	17	18	19	20	21 Interfaith Retreat	22 HBCU Legacy Bowl Interfaith Retreat Climbing Level I
23 Climbing Level I Training	24 Cub Camping and Day Camp Committee Mtgs.	25 Council Camping & Outdoor Program & Shooting Sports Mtgs.	26	27	28	Training Open Climbing/COPE/ Open Shooting



March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Office Closed-Lundi Gras	4 Office Closed-Mardi Gras	5 Council Marketing Committee Mtg.	6	7 Powder Horn (1st Weekend Tentative)	8 Powder Horn (1st Weekend Tentative) Climbing Level 1 Training
9 Powder Horn (1st Weekend Tentative) Climbing Level 1 Training	10 Council Training Committee Mtg.	11	12	13	14	15 Cub Leader Specific and Troop Committee Trainings BB & Archery Range Master Training Tammany Trace Bike Ride College of Commissioner Science
16 OA LEC	17	18 Council Eagle Recognition & wards Banquet	19 Council Executive Board Mtg.	20	21 District Camporee (hosted by Cataouatche District)	22 Wilderness First Aid Training District Camporee (hosted by Cataouatche District) Merit Badge College BB & Archery Range Master Training
23 Wilderness First Aid Training District Camporee (hosted by Cataouatche District) National Tamale Day	24 Cub Camping & Day Camp Committee Mtgs.	25 Council Camping & Outdoor Program & Shooting Sports Mtgs.	26	27	28 Powder Horn (tentative) Spirit of Scouting Soiree	29 Powder Horn (tentative)
30 Powder Horn (tentative)	31					

UNAVAILABLE for unit camping.



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Council Marketing Committee Mtg.	3	4 OA Spring Ordeal/ LEC	5 Public Health Merit Badge Day
						OA Spring Ordeal/ LEC
6 OA Spring Ordeal/ LEC	7	8 Council Advancement Committee Mtg.	9	10	11 Cub World	12 Cub World Passover Begins
13 Cub World	14 Council Training Committee Mtg.	15	16 Council Executive Board Mtg.	17 National High Five Day	18 Office Closed for Good Friday	19 Cub Leader Specific and Troop Committee Trainings Commissioner
20 Easter Sunday Passover Ends	21	22	23	24	25 OA Section Conclave District Camporee (hosted by Cypress & Pelican Districts)	26 OA Section Conclave District Camporee (hosted by Cypress & Pelican Districts)
27 OA Section Conclave District Camporee (hosted by Cypress & Pelican Districts)	28 Cub Camping & Day Camp Committee Mtgs.	29 Council Camping & Outdoor Program and Shooting Sports Mtgs.	30			

UNAVAILABLE for unit camping.



May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Council Marketing Committee Mtg.	8	9	10 Council Pinewood Derby Day Scouting for Food Begins
11	12 Council Training Committee Mtg.	13	14 Council Executive Committee Mtg. National Dance Like a Chicken Day	15	16	17 Scouting for Food Ends Cub Leader Specific and Troop Committee Trainings Commissioner Retreat
18 Commissioner Retreat OA LEC	19	20	21	22	23	24 BALOO-Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
25 BALOO-Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation	26 Cub Scout Day Camp (hosted by Pelican District) Office Closed for Memorial Day	27 Cub Scout Day Camp (hosted by Pelican District) Council Camping & Outdoor Program Mtg. Council Shooting Sports Comm. Mtg.	28 Cub Scout Day Camp (hosted by Pelican District)	29 Cub Scout Day Camp (hosted by Pelican District)	30 Cub Scout Day Camp (hosted by Pelican District)	31



June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Council Marketing Committee Mtg.	5	6	7 Cub Scout Day Camp in a Day (Hosted by Cypress District)
		Camp V Bar Cl	osed All Summer fo	or Unit Camping		
8 Scouts BSA Summer Camp Week 1	9 Scouts BSA Summer Camp Week 1 Council Training Committee Mtg.	10 -Scouts BSA Summer Camp Week 1 -IOLS-Intro. to Outdoor Leader Skills	11 Scouts BSA Summer Camp Week 1 IOLS-Intro. to Outdoor Leader Skills Troop Committee Training	12-Scouts BSA Summer Camp Week 1 -IOLS-Intro. to Outdoor Leader Skills -Troop Committee Training	13 Scouts BSA Summer Camp Week 1	14 Scouts BSA Summer Camp Week 1
15 Scouts BSA Summer Camp Week 2	16 Scouts BSA Summer Camp Week 2	17 Scouts BSA Summer Camp Week 2 IOLS-Intro. to Outdoor Leader Skills	18 -Scouts BSA Summer Camp Week 2 -IOLS-Intro. to Outdoor Leader Skills -Council Executive Board Meeting at Camp	19 IOLS-Intro. to Outdoor Leader Skills Juneteenth Commemoration	20 Office Closed for Juneteenth	21 Scouts BSA Summer Camp Week 2 Ends Cub Leader Specific Committee Training
22 Webelos Adventure Camp	23 Webelos Adventure Camp	24 Webelos Adventure Camp	25 Webelos Adventure Camp	26 National Chocolate Pudding Day	27	28
29	30					



July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Council Marketing Committee Mtg.	3	4 Office Closed for 4th of July	5
6 National Fried Chicken Day	7	8 Council Advance- ment Committee Mtg.	9	10	11	12 Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills for Troops Training
13 OA LEC	14 Council Training Committee Mtg.	15 Council Camping & Outdoor Program Mtg.	16	17	18	19 Commissioner Onboarding
20 OA National Council of Chiefs	21 OA National Council of Chiefs	22 OA National Council of Chiefs	23 OA National Council of Chiefs	24 OA National Council of Chiefs	25	26 Cub Scout Day Camp in a Day (hosted by Bayou District)
27	28 Cub Camping & Day Camp Committee Mtgs.	29	30	31		

Planning and Budget

Planning your program is the first step in the Ideal Year of Scouting process. Use this guide to plan your program and provide an unparalleled experience to your Scouts.

Cub Scout Packs:

#IThe Pack has a program plan and budget that is reviewed at all pack committee meetings, and the pack follows BSA policies relating to fundraising found on the Unit-Money Earning Application form. Program plans and budgets are reviewed with parents at the start of the program year.

- a. Hold a pack brainstorming session to see what the boys want to do next year- May Pack Meeting.
- b. Hold a parents meeting to plan out the next 12 months- May Committee Meeting
- c. Use the Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide to make planning easier.
- d. Determine what advancements each Scout will need for next rank.
- e. Decide what activities the Scouts will do.
- f. Decide what camping opportunities to participate in.
- g. Plan to do at least one charter partner service project.
- h. Plan the meeting dates.
- i. Recognize those Scouts who advance.
- j. Visit www.bsa-selacouncil.org and click on "Calendar" for a complete list of events. Use the calendar in this guide to help plan your calendar.

Scouts BSA Troops:

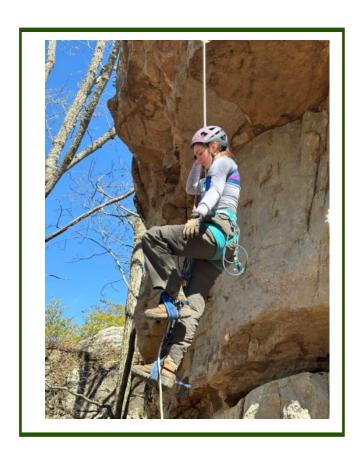
#I The Troop has a program plan and budget that is reviewed at all troop committee meetings, and the Troop follows BSA policies relating to fundraising found on the Unit-Money Earning Application form. A meeting is held with youth leaders where they are involved in developing the plan for the next program year.

- a. Use the Troop Program Features, Volumes I, II, and III to make planning easier.
- b. Determine what advancements each Scout will need for next rank.
- c. Hold a Troop planning conference to decide what activities the Scouts will do.
- d. Decide what camping opportunities to participate in.
- e. Plan to do at least one charter partner service project.
- f. Plan the meeting dates.
- h. Recognize those Scouts who advance.
- i. Visit www.bsa-selacouncil.org and click on "Calendar" for a complete list of events. Use the calendar in this guide to help plan your calendar.

Venture Crews:

#I The Crew has a program plan and budget that is reviewed at all Crew committee meetings, and the Crew follows BSA policies relating to fundraising found on the Unit-Money Earning Application form. A meeting is held with youth leaders where they are involved in developing the plan for the next program year.

- a. Hold a Crew brainstorming session to see what activities, services projects, high adventures members want to participate in for the coming year.
- b. Crew officers should hold a program planning conference to develop 12 month calendar, adult Crew leaders can help evaluate and suggest activities that will not be approved by the committee.
- c. Determine what venturing awards each Scout will need to complete in order to advance.
- d. Decide what camping opportunities to participate in.
- e. Plan to do at least one charter partner service project.
- f. Plan the meeting dates.
- h. Recognize those Scouts who advance.
- i. Visit www.bsa-selacouncil.org and click on "Calendar" for a complete list of events. Use the calendar in this guide to help plan your calendar.





If you fail to plan, then you plan to fail.



Fund Your Program

Imagine kicking off your Scouting year with a 12-month program and not collecting any money from Scouting families! Units can pay for the entire program without any out-of-pocket expenses by selling popcorn. Fund your program is step two of the Ideal Year of Scouting process.

Your Ideal Year of Scouting (IYOS) could require more sales. You can also go to www.bsa-selacouncil.org, click on unit fundraising, and get the fillable version of budget planning worksheets.

Learn a little more about popcorn here and use the worksheet to determine how popcorn sales will achieve your units's Ideal Year of Scouting.

5 Steps For A Successful Popcorn Campaign

I. Establish an annual plan and budget using the Ideal Year of Scouting work sheet online. With input from your Scouts, parents, and leaders you can use this guide to write your budget.



- 2 Set a unit popcorn sale goal and break down to a per-Scout-goal based on your IYOS budget.
- 3. Put together an exciting incentive program for your unit along with the prize program. For example, sell \$100.00 and throw a pie in your leader's face or hold a pizza party for the highest selling den or patrol!
- 4. Conduct a FUN Unit Popcorn Kick-off to communicate the goals to families.
- 5. Utilize all sales methods available to make sure your unit and Scouts hit their goals.
 - Take orders
 - Show & Sell the products
 - · Online sales
 - Show & Deliver the products
 - · Parents selling at work help their Scouts hit their goal
 - Store front sales: talk to your local businesses to see if you can sell there.



Friends of Scouting

The Southeast Louisiana Council operates as a non-profit organization to support all the Packs, Troops, and Crews in our service area.

The Friends of Scouting campaign helps fund the Scouting Program. This campaign is an opportunity for communites, businesses and families to support the Scouting movement for over 10,000 Families in southeast Louisiana. The annual campaign raises approximately 25% of the operating budget each year. On average, \$300 per youth is needed to provide programs for one year. Financial contributions to this campaign from scouting families and outside organizations ensure that our Council can offer unparalleled experiences to more youth.

The Family Friends of Scouting program explains to parents how our Council is financed and how their contributions make a difference in the lives of youth. Presentations are done typically at Blue and Gold Banquets or Pack Meetings and Courts of Honor or other well attended unit event. Presentations typically take 15 minutes of the total program. Representatives from each unit are asked to assist by helping promote the presentation or giving presentations to other units. Families that invest in Friends of Scouting are eligible for special recognition items. Units that conduct presentations may be eligible for free rank patches from the Scout Shop.

Presentations begin in December 2024 for the 2025 campaign. Presentations should be completed by May 31, 2025.



Unit Money Earning Application

GUIDES TO UNIT MONEY-EARNING PROJECTS

A unit's money-earning methods should reflect Scouting's basic values. Whenever your unit is planning a money-earning project, this checklist can serve as your guide. If your answer is "Yes" to all the questions that follow, it is likely the project conforms to Scouting's standards and will be approved.

1. Do you really need a fund-raising project?

There should be a real need for raising money based on your unit's program. Units should not engage in money-earning projects merely because someone has offered an attractive plan. Remember that individual youth members are expected to earn their own way. The need should be beyond normal budget items covered by dues.

2. If any contracts are to be signed, will they be signed by an individual, without reference to the Boy Scouts of America and without binding the local council, the Boy Scouts of America, or the chartered organization?

Before any person in your unit signs a contract, he must make sure the venture is legitimate and worthy. If a contract is signed, he is personally responsible. He may not sign on behalf of the local council or the Boy Scouts of America, nor may he bind the chartered organization without its written authorization. If you are not sure, check with your district executive for help.

3. Will your fund-raiser prevent promoters from trading on the name and goodwill of the Boy Scouts of America?

Because of Scouting's good reputation, customers rarely question the quality or price of a product. The nationwide network of Scouting units must not become a beehive of commercial interest.

4. Will the fund-raising activity uphold the good name of the BSA? Does it avoid games of chance, gambling, etc.?

Selling raffle tickets or other games of chance is a direct violation of the BSA Rules and Regulations, which forbid gambling. The product must not detract from the ideals and principles of the BSA.

5. If a commercial product is to be sold, will it be sold on its own merits and without reference to the needs of Scouting?

All commercial products must sell on their own merits, not the benefit received by the Boy Scouts. The principle of value received is critical in choosing what to sell.

If a commercial product is to be sold, will the fund-raising activity comply with BSA policy on wearing the uniform?

The official uniform is intended to be worn primarily for use in connection with Scouting activities. However, council executive boards may approve use of the uniform for any fund-raising activity. Typically, council popcorn sales or Scout show ticket sales are approved uniform fund-raisers.

7. Will the fund-raising project avoid soliciting money or gifts?

The BSA Rules and Regulations state, "Youth members shall not be permitted to serve as solicitors of money for their chartered organizations, for the local council, or in support of other organizations. Adult and youth members shall not be permitted to serve as solicitors of money in support of personal or unit participation in local, national, or international events."

For example: Scouts BSA/Cub Scouts and leaders should not identify themselves as Scouts BSA/Cub Scouts or as a troop/pack participate in The Salvation Army's Christmas Bell Ringing program. This would be raising money for another organization. At no time are units permitted to solicit contributions for unit programs.

 Does the fund-raising activity avoid competition with other units, your chartered organization, your local council, and the United Way?

Check with your chartered organization representative and your district executive to make certain that your chartered organization and the council agree on the dates and type of fund-raiser.

The local council is responsible for upholding the Charter and By-laws and the Rules and Regulations of the BSA. To ensure compliance, all unit fund-raisers MUST OBTAIN WRITTEN APPROVAL from the local council NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS before the fund-raising activity.



Council Programs

Advancement

One of the core methods of Scouting is the advancement program. Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA learn and grow in the program by setting goals and reaching them, receiving public recognition as they progress through the ranks; Venturers are recognized through awards and recognition based on their interests and the interests of their Crew.

Internet Advancement

For tips and step by step instructions on how to use Internet Advancement, go to www.bsa-selacouncil. org, click on "Advancement & Recognition", then "Internet Advancement Tool". In order to purchase advancement patches from the Scout Shop, units must provide a printed copy of an internet advancement report. Units should save copies of advancement reports for record keeping purposes, and should submit advancement reports before the end of each month or more often if needed.



General Programs

New Orleans Bowl

Every year, the Louisiana Superdome hosts the New Orleans Bowl, a post-season college bowl game certified by the NCAA. The game is played between the Sun Belt conference champions and a team from Conference USA. The winner walks away with the esteemed trophy and title of New Orleans Bowl Champions. The date for the event is usually in December but has not yet been posted.





Scout Night with Tulane University

Tulane University welcomes scouts and families to join them for Scout Night with Tulane University. Discounted tickets will be available to Scouts. Date TBD.

Council Recognition Banquet

Each year, the Southeast Louisiana Council takes time to salute exceptional volunteers and scouts. The Silver Beaver is the highest award bestowed by the council to volunteers for service to Scouting and their community. Scouts who earn the rank of Eagle are recognized for their accomplishments with a specially designed medallion for those Eagle Scouts in attendance. The banquet will take place on March 18, 2025. Nominations for awards are due the end of January.





Gene von Rosenberg Campership Fund

Following his passing, a campership fund was established on behalf of longtime Scoutmaster Gene von Rosenberg. Thanks to the generosity of friends and scouting alumni, the fund now issues a number of camperships for those in need of financial assistance to attend Southeast Louisiana Council resident camp programs. Camperships are limited in number and are approved on need/first come/first served basis. Camperships do not exceed 1/2 of the regular registration fees for camps. The deadline to apply for a campership is May 4th - applications will then be reviewed by a volunteer committee and the recipients notified. Request an application at wingate@sccnola.com.



Cub Specific Programs



Cub Fall Encampment & Cub World

Fall Encampment is the first installment on the promise made when new cub scouts are recruited – the opportunity to go camping, play games, and enjoy the outdoors. Make plans now to join us for an exciting weekend. Cub World is held in the spring and is also a fun family weekend with many exciting activities.



Webelos Requirements Day



We invite all Webelos and Arrow of Light dens to join us for the Southeast Louisiana Council Webelos Requirements Day sponsored by Pack 117 at St. Mary Magdalen in Metairie. Scouts will have the opportunity to work on Webelos activity pins and work towards their Arrow of Light. The event is scheduled for October 5, 2024.

SELA Cub Pinewood Derby Racing Series

Known as one of the largest racing events in the country, the pinewood derby is one of the most memorable experiences a cub scout can have, designing and building a car from a block of pine to race against other scouts. A team of dedicated volunteers is bringing the quest for champions to the Southeast Louisiana Council. Pinewood derby winners at the Pack level will have the opportunity to compete for a district championship, and those winners will be able to compete at the Council level. Get those cars ready.



Webelos Adventure Camp

Looking to knock out a good number of activity pins as well as have a lot of fun in the process? Join the staff at Camp V-bar along with your Webelos or Arrow of Light Den for an adventure at Webelos Adventure Camp scheduled for June 24-26, 2024 and June 22-24, 2025.

Cub Scout Day Camps

Thanks to some amazing volunteers, Pelican District will conduct Day Camp May 27-31, 2024. Cypress District will conduct Day Camp in a Day on June 1, 2024. Bayou will host a Day Camp in a Day program on July 27, 2024. Day camps are open to Kindergarten through 5th grade and currently registered Cub Scouts are encouraged to invite a friend to attend. Programs include BB's, Arts & Crafts, Water play, Archery, and much more.

2025 Dates: Pelican District Day Camp-May 26-30, 2025

Cypress District Day Camp in a Day-June 7, 2025 Bayou District Day Camp in a Day-July 26, 2025

Scouts BSA Specific Programs

Summer Camp

Summer Camp 2025 can only be described one way – SUPER! Join us for a fantastic week of fun, merit badges, and cool activities during one of our two sessions:

Session I - June 8-14

Session 2 - June 15-21

See the council website for the latest fee rate and program fees.



NYLT

Looking to improve the youth leadership in your unit so you can have a truly youth-led program? NYLT is the course for both Scouts and Venturing youth to teach them how to Be, Know, and Do all that they can to effect positive leadership at the youth level. Course in 2024 is scheduled for December 26-30.

Shoot, Swim, Climb

Looking for a fun way to end the summer/begin the school year? Open to Scouts BSA and Venturers, the annual Shoot/Swim/Climb weekend at V-bar has become a tremendous favorite. Held traditionally the weekend following Labor Day, Shoot/Swim/Climb is a weekend with no competitions, just fun at the shooting ranges, climbing areas, and making use of the entire aquatics opportunities at V-bar. Proceeds from this event are used to help fund additional equipment and supplies used year-round at camp. Dates Sept. 6-8, 2024.

Camporees

Check your district calendar for opportunities to participate in Camporee weekends. Camporees are weekend, competition-based activities, usually built around a theme.



Merit Badge Colleges

Looking for a way to work on a merit badge with an established counselor? Several districts host Merit Badge colleges in the Winter/Early Spring annually. Additionally, the LSU school of Public Health has been hosting a Public Health Merit Badge day each spring – currently scheduled for April 5, 2025.

Thanksgiving Camp

November 22-24 we will have programs and merit badges generally not available at Winter Camp or Summer Camp. Keep an eye out for registration to go live for this fun camp.

Winter Camp

A long-standing tradition, Winter Camp takes advantage of the Christmas holiday, offering camp from the 27th – 31st of December. A wide variety of merit badge classes are offered, along with some fun winter-based activities.



High Adventure

COPE/Climbing

Want to challenge your unit, both physically and mentally? Currently, the COPE course is temporarily closed for repairs. The 40-foot climbing rappelling tower is always available if reserved through the council and at council camping events.

Southeast Louisiana Council High Adventure Contingents

Unit Opportunities

Many people think that the only way someone can attend a national high adventure base is via a council contingent. This could not be farther from the truth! The majority of the treks to the bases are by individual units. The upcoming council high adventure guide will have details on how to take advantage of these opportunities but these links will give you some basic information:

Philmont – Go to http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ and click on the Camping link Northern Tier – Go to http://www.ntier.org/ and click on the Trip Planning link Sea Base – Go to http://www.bsaseabase.org/ and click on the Adventures link The Summit – Go to http://www.summitbsa.org/ and click on the Programs link

Individual Opportunities

In addition to unit programs there are opportunities for individual Scouts and Venturers at some of the national high adventure bases. Again, detailed information will be in the upcoming guidebook but these links are a wealth of information about these programs:

Philmont – http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Philmont/Camping/IndividualPrograms.aspx
Northern Tier – http://www.ntier.org/About/Summer%20Canoe%20Trips/IndividualPrograms.aspx
Also, in some cases it may be possible for an individual Scout or Venturer to join an existing Crew if they are looking to fill a spot. Information about this can be found on each high adventure base website.

Order of the Arrow Programs

Are you a member of the Order of the Arrow? If so, there are some special opportunities available to you that allow you to experience the programs of Philmont, Northern Tier or Sea Base while providing you with the opportunity to give service to the base. Follow this link for more information on these programs: http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/

Adult Opportunities

There are also many opportunities for adult leaders to take training courses in some beautiful settings. The following links give more information about these programs:

Philmont Training Center – http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC.aspx

Northern Tier Training Center – http://www.ntier.org/TrainingCenter.aspx

Sea Base - http://www.bsaseabase.org/ConferenceCenter.aspx

The Summit - http://www.summitbsa.org/programs/training/

Additional information about these trainings is generally released toward the end of the year and will be posted on the Council webpage when available.

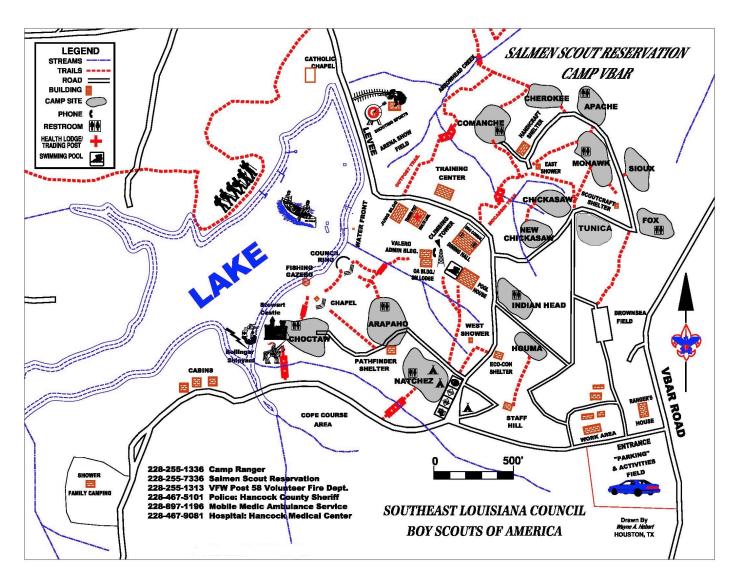
Looking for High Adventure in the state of Louisiana? Units might want to check out the Evangeline Area Council's Atchafalaya Swamp Base – learn more at www.bsaswampbase.org





Camp V-Bar

Located on 1,500 acres near Kiln, MS, Camp V-bar is the Southeast Louisiana Council's signature property for Scouts and Scouters to participate in the outdoors. Many of the programs highlighted are conducted here, but in addition, units can take advantage of the following opportunities:



Outpost Activities:

The Outpost Trail started in the 1990's as a backpacking trail around the entire lake. Three Adirondack Shelters along the trail provide a place to overnight, or hold program. The trail system took a blow with Katrina, and fell into disuse. Over the past several years, the Order of the Arrow has been working to both reclaim existing trail and extending the trail. Follow the V Bar arrowhead trail blazes at the main trailhead just down from the Training Center, or find trailheads in Sioux, Apache, Cherokee and Comanche campsites. Discover the Brownsea Bridge over Arrowhead Creek, nap in the Hammock Ring, and overnight at Talking Wolf shelter. See an OA Ceremony ring on the bank of Bell Creek, and observe Forestry in action on the way to Forest Hut. Rest up at Eagle's Nest, before heading back to base camp.

Weekend Camping:

Online reservations are the only way to reserve facilities at Salmen Scout Reservation. Please go to the council website to reserve facilities or campsites. Weekends shaded in yellow on the council calendar are open for unit camping. We try to have at least 3 weekends per month open for camping by units. You will be able to reserve more than one facility at a time as long as **you book 14 days in advance.** If the calendar shows NOT AVAILABLE, that means there is another event using the facility on that weekend or camp is closed; there will be no exceptions to weekends camp is closed.

The pool and some campsites are unavailable from the last day of Thanksgiving Camp through April for unit camping. Safe swim certificates from scout online training will need to be uploaded along with either valid BSA or Red Cross Lifeguard credentials prior to reservation approval when using the pool.

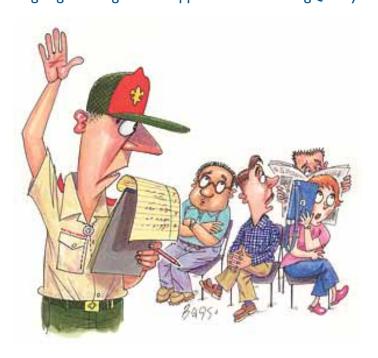
Remember...you must have 2 DEEP leadership at all events. We will be checking all reservations to make sure the Youth Protection guideline is followed. Thanks.



Volunteer Leadership

Recruiting new leaders is a continuous process. We always need to be on the lookout for opportunities to expand the Scouting family, but we need to do so by recruiting the right person for the right position. We need to be aware, though, that the person we want to serve in a leadership position may not be available to serve at that time. By following the seven steps to recruiting new unit leaders, we can avoid recruiting people just to have them around with no specific purpose. If we do not give them a job, then we risk that they will do nothing for us since we have never asked them to do anything.

To learn about the 7 steps to selecting Quality Leaders watch the training modual at http://www.scouting.org/Training/Adult/Supplemental/SelectingQualityLeaders.aspx







Training

Training is critical to the success of any Scouting unit. Training fosters understanding of how the program works and introduces volunteers to resources that help make the program better – and helps keep kids safer! Much of the basics can be found via the online portal my.scouting.org. Follow the guidelines at https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/idg/Create_Account to set up your online profile and get started on your training library. The Southeast Louisiana Council requires all leaders with direct contact with youth (Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Assistants, Den Leaders, etc.) to be trained in order to maintain their registration with their units.



Youth Protection Training

All leaders MUST complete Youth Protection training via my.scouting every 2 years. This training must be current for an adult registration to be updated. If you need to take the training, please go to my.scouting.org and login or create an account.

Bullying

The values of Scouting make it clear that bullying cannot be tolerated. Scouting leaders have a unique opportunity to teach respect and acceptance of others. This training focuses on enabling adult leaders and parents to increase their awareness of the incidence and effects of bullying, to create an anti-bullying culture in their Scouting units, and to empower Scouts to assist those targeted by bullies wherever it occurs. Strategies for supporting the victims of bullying and for helping Scouts who bully others develop more appropriate social skills are presented as well.

Visit http://scouting.org/Training/Adult/Supplemental.aspx and scroll down to view the online PowerPoint and correlating training information document.

Check out BSA information on cyber bullying here: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/youthprotection/pdf/100-055_WB.pdf http://www.scouting.org/cyberchip.aspx

It Happened to Me/ A Time to Tell

It Happened to Me/A Time to Tell are video presentations produced by the Boy Scouts of America for viewing by Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA Youths and their parents. The situations of possible peril presented in the video are intended to be ambiguous, allowing parents to be as specific as they wish in discussing personal safety rules with their children. The intent of the video is to develop communication between parent and child about personal safety decisions made by the child—but with help from parents or other trusted adults. Viewing of the appropriate films will be required annually.



Basic Leader Training (online)

All basic leader training for Unit Leaders, including unit committees, is available online via my.scouting.org. Check back periodically for updates and to maintain or refresh knowledge on courses.

Other Training

B.A.L.O.O.

For new Cub Leaders, Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) is a great way to get introduced into the outdoor outing part of Scouting. Taking just one day, participants learn how to select campsites, some camping hacks, and how to prepare to lead your pack on a camping activity. Packs must have at least one leader trained in BALOO to go on any camping outing.

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills

Required for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters, the Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) prepares adult leaders with how to teach Scouts BSA-level skills, especially the ones found at Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks, using the BSA patrol method.

Trainer's EDGE

Want to learn HOW to teach effectively? Trainer's EDGE instructs in how to utilize the BSA EDGE (Explain, Demonstrate, Guide, and Enable) method – good training not just at the unit level, but also translates outside of Scouting as well.

What is Wood Badge?



Wood Badge is the ultimate training course offered at the local Council level. Limited to 48 participants. Participants gain perspective on "Leading to Make a Difference", "Tools of the Trade", "Living the Values", "Models for Success", and "Bringing the Vision to Life". The next course will be in either late 2025 or early 2026.







Important Local and National BSA Forms

Most forms are available at www.bsa-selacouncil.org or scouting.org/forms

Forms	What	When	Why / How
Accident Report	Information on any accidents happening during BSA programs	File after providing First Aid or other care	Forms can be found on www.bsa-selacouncil. org (BSA accident policy number on reverse side)
Campership Application	Application filled out by parent and unit leader to obtain financial assistance for the first week of camp	Go to www.bsa-selacouncil.org to find the due dates for the campership application. Applications are due May 4th annually.	Provides financial assistance to Scouts who attend Cub Camping, Camp V-Bar or NYLT
Certificates of Insurance	Request for \$500K or \$1M of liability insurance	Organization asks for proof of liability	File a request through Council Scout Center



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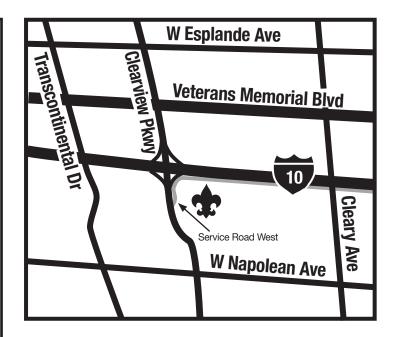
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