



SCOUTS BSA PROGRAM PLANNING BOOK 2019-2020



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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. It is the mission of Youth Protection volunteers and professionals to work within the Boy Scouts of America to maintain a culture of Youth Protection awareness and safety at the national, regional, area, council, district, and unit levels.

The Boy Scouts of 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:

Required Training | Login at my.scouting.org or visit www.scouting.org/YouthProtection

Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers.

Youth Protection training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer's Youth Protection training record is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be reregistered.

Youth Protection Reporting Procedures for Volunteers

There are two types of Youth Protection–related reporting procedures all volunteers must follow:

- 1) When you witness or suspect any child has been abused or neglected—See "Mandatory Report of Child Abuse" below.
- 2) When you witness a violation of the BSA's Youth Protection policies—See "Reporting Violations of BSA Youth Protection Policies" below.

Steps to Reporting 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 or his/her designee.

Scout First Helpline

Did you know that Scouting has a Scout's First Helpline? This dedicated 24-hour helpline 844-SCOUTS1 (844-726-8871) is in place to receive reports of known or suspected abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk. The protection of youth is the primary obligation of every individual involved in the Boy Scouts of America—including leaders, parents, members, and professionals. For more information, visit www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/scouts-first-helpline/

Guide to Safe Scouting

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

The Guide to Safe Scouting | www.danbeard.org/guide-to-safe-scouting

Safe Scouting Forms | www.danbeard.org/scouting-safely-forms

Health and Safety FAQ's | www.danbeard.org/health-and-safety-faq

Council Information & Contacts

For a list of contacts regarding certain subject matter, the best place to start is with your District Contact List. There are many volunteers who can help to answer questions related to training, advancement, Eagle Scouts, activities and more. Find your District Committee roster by selecting your district name from: www.danbeard.org/districts



- 1) Fort Hamilton District** | *Serving Hamilton, Fairfield, West Chester, Ross, New Miami, Oxford, Seven-Mile, Trenton*
- 2) Hopewell District** | *Serving Mason, Lebanon, Middletown, Springboro, Loveland, Monroe, Madison Township, Carslile, Franklin, and Waynesville*
- 3) William Henry Harrison District** | *Serving Cheviot, Westwood, Covedale, Western Hills, Bridgetown, Mack, Addyston, Dent, Saylor Park, Delhi Township, Monfort Heights, White Oak, Groesback, Harrison, College Hill, Anderson Ferry*
- 4) Maketewa District** | *Serving Sharonville, Evendale, Reading, Amberly Village Deer Park, Silverton, Kennedy Heights, Pleasant Ridge, Golf Manor, Norwood Roselawn, St. Bernard, Elmwood Place, Springdale, Bond Hill, Carthage, Forest Park, Glendale, Woodlawn, Greenhills, New Burlington, Mt. Healthy, Wyoming, Lockland, Lincoln Heights Hartwell, Arlington Heights, North College Hill, Finneytown, Madisonville*
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- 6) US Grant District** | *Serving Batavia, Withiamsville, Amelia, New Richmond, Bethel, Williamsburg, Felicity, Fayetteville, Georgetown, Mt. Orab, Sardinia, Goshen, Owensville*
- 7) Hopkins District** | *Serving Cumminsville, Camp Washington, Queensgate, Clifton, University Heights Fairview, Over the Rhine, Corryville, Mt. Auburn, Winton Place, Winton Hills, Avondale, Mount Adams, Walnut Hills, Evanston, Downtown Cincinnati, Fairmont, Northside, Price Hill*
- 8) Trailblazer District** | *Serving the counties of Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Pendleton, Grant, Owen, Gallatin*

Council Service Center and Scout Store:

Scout Achievement Center
10078 Reading Road
Cincinnati, OH 45241

Council Service Center:

Phone: (513) 577-7700
Fax: (513) 577-7738

Scout Shop (Store):

Phone: (513) 961-0500
Email: danbeardscoutshop@scouting.org

Hours of Operation

Monday	8:30 am	to	6:00 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am	to	6:00 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am	to	7:00 pm
Thursday	8:30 am	to	6:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am	to	6:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am	to	3:00 pm
Sunday	Closed		

District Websites

Ft. Hamilton | www.danbeard.org/fort-hamilton
Hopewell | www.danbeard.org/hopewell
William Henry Harrison | www.danbeard.org/william-henry-harrison
Maketewa | www.danbeard.org/maketewa
Blue Jacket | www.danbeard.org/bluejacket
US Grant | www.danbeard.org/us-grant
Hopkins | www.danbeard.org/hopkins
Trailblazer | www.danbeard.org/trailblazer
A full Council Directory of Staff Contacts | www.danbeard.org/about/staff-directory

How and Why to Use this Guide

The units that plan, promote and execute their Ideal Year of Scouting, offer unparalleled experiences for more youth, and are recognized in the Journey to Excellence program.

How would you like:

A stronger program for your boys and girls at less personal cost to you

More parental involvement

More boys and girls camping

Better retention

More funding with less time spent fundraising

To eliminate out-of-pocket expenses for your parents

Enough money to do all the activities 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 parent 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** Use the Journey to Excellence worksheet to measure the success of your plan and your year

Start with the next few pages and follow the steps.

- a. Use the Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide/Troop Program Features to make planning easier
- b. Determine what advancements each Scout will need for next rank
- c. Decide what activities the Scouts will do
 - 1) Survey current youth members and parents on which events were a huge success and which events could go away.
 - 2) Survey current youth members and parents on some new ideas for meetings.
- d. Decide what camping opportunities to participate in.
- e. Plan to do at least one charter partner service project and the Council-wide service project. Plan the meeting dates.

Council Activities, Partnerships, and Facilities

Council-wide Service Project

Earlier this year, Scouts in Dan Beard Council partnered with local organizations and chartered organizations to help collect over 7,000 pairs of shoes to help those less fortunate!

Dan Beard Council and Boy Scouts of America strive to help meet the needs of those around us and are currently in the process of deciding a new, meaningful project for 2020. Check back later this year as we unveil the new Council-wide service project!

www.danbeard.org/activities/council-wide-service-project.



Service Hours Reporting

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.

As a unit, you can and should track your service hours. Not only will it make you and your families feel good about the collective impact you are having in your community, but these hours will also be calculated and included in your Journey to Excellence numbers throughout the year. You can use the online service hours reporting tool at: servicehours.scouting.org.



Utilizing Camp Facilities for Your Program

Whether you are part of a Scouting unit, a community organization, or a business, the Dan Beard 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 Dan Beard Council is happy to offer use of our Council Camps, Equipment, and Programs throughout the year. Non-summer usage of DBC 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!

Your unit can take advantage of FREE Campsite usage throughout the year and capitalize on the many pre-established programs already put together for your unit. Other facilities are offered to your unit for a nominal fee to help with maintenance and upkeep. We can't wait to see you at camp! Visit www.danbeard.org/facility-rental to search for facility availability and rentals and for our online reservation system.

SPOOK-O-REE

The Spook-O-Ree is a family Halloween event for everyone! Take your pick of evenings and join the thousands of families that will venture out to Cub World for Halloween fun in a safe, family-friendly environment at a cost that fits just about any budget. 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!



PETERLOON ERAS OF ADVENTURE 100 YEARS OF CAMP FRIEDLANDER • 2019 DBC October 4-6, 2019

Interested in registering for this once in a lifetime event? Visit

www.danbeard.org/activities/peterloon

Check out the online store to get all your Peterloon needs! Visit peterloonshop.com

Join 7,500 of your fellow Scouts at Peterloon 2019: Eras of Adventure!

Get ready to discover, explore, experience, create, participate, play and engage with thousands of other Scouts as you traverse the four unique Eras of Adventure at Peterloon.

Peterloon, one of the oldest and largest Camporees in the nation, located right here in our region, is embarking on its most spectacular program. Enter through a gateway to each time-based Era and experience the activities that may have happened in that Era (sometimes with a modern twist). Each of the four Eras has its own geographic location on the Peterloon campus. Exhibitions and vendors are even theme based to fit in with each Era.

Peterloon offers excitement around every corner. From hanging out at your campsite to camp-wide programs and shows, from tasty bites available from a fleet of food trucks to a laser-light and fireworks display at the arena show, every minute of the Peterloon adventure has something to offer.



August 23 - 25, 2019

Celebrate the Camp Friedlander Centennial at this one-time event. Camp will be open to troops, packs, and families to camp, participate in camp activities, and experience the history of Camp Friedlander.

On Saturday evening, a camp rededication ceremony will take place, where we will celebrate the first 100 years of camp and explore the possibilities for the next 100 years.

Check out the Dan Beard Centennial site to learn more about the event, the history of Friedlander, and to purchase all your Camp Friedlander Centennial needs at the one stop Centennial shop! at www.danbeard.org/camping/camp-friedlander-centennial

Scout It Out



Kings Island Scout Day

June 8, 2019

Bring your troop for an AMAZING day at Kings Island where you can meet other scouts, enjoy world-class coasters and participate in Engineering Day. Join Jeff Gramke, our Manager of Construction, as he reveals how he designed and built The Beast! Scouts will gain a greater understanding of the field and learn what controls the thrills on their favorite rides. Includes an exclusive behind the scenes tour of The Beast.

For more information, visit www.visitkingsisland.com/explore/groups/student-and-youth/boy-scouts-engineering-day



Florence Freedom's Scout Campout

June 14, 2019

Come out for a night of fun at the Florence Freedom Cub & Boy Scout Camp out! This event is packed with activities for your Scout such as a pre-game parade, reserved tickets to the game, post-game autograph opportunity with select Freedom players and mascot, post-game movie and camp out on the field! This is a can't miss event. Be sure to reserve your spot right away!



Newport Aquarium Scout Campout

June 28 & November 1, 2019

Enjoy a special Scout discount to the Newport Aquarium on Scout Weekends or sign your Scout unit up for a unique overnight experience.



Reds Scout Overnight

September 21, 2019

An overnight to remember. Yes, Scouts get to campout on the Reds baseball field for the night after enjoying a great game. Learn more at www.danbeard.org/reds-scout-overnight



Scout Night at the Pops

October 4, 2019

New this year, Dan Beard Council has partnered with Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra to provide Scouts the opportunity to marvel at the music in this 3D journey of America's wonders.



Scout Ski Days at Perfect North Slopes

February 9 & 23, 2020

Enjoy a day of skiing, snowboarding, or tubing at Perfect North Slopes with a great Scout discount!



Plenty of Dayton Dragon Scout Night games to choose from and even a baseball clinic with the players. Visit: www.milb.com/dayton/tickets/scouts



Choose from 3 different specially discounted Scout Nights throughout the season or attend as a Scout group. You can even sign up to perform the color guard for that night's game. Scout Nights are typically scheduled from October - March. Check back for 2019-2020 dates.

Dan Beard Council partners with organizations to bring your family fun and unique Scouting opportunities like Kentucky Kingdom. Check out all of the great partnerships and special Scout opportunities throughout this guidebook.



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www.kentuckykingdom.com | Located at I-65/I-264 | Kentucky Exposition Center | Louisville, Kentucky

Scouts BSA Zone

Program Updates

The Scouting program continues to evolve to meet the needs of today's youth and to help prepare them for life. We want to keep you as up to date as the new updates are rolled out. You can get all of the Scouts BSA Program Updates online at www.danbeard.org/boy-scout-program-updates

Troop Program Resources

Troop Program Resources are 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:

- **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](#).

- **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](#).

- **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.

- **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 leaders are encouraged to apply and adapt the material on these pages, so that it conforms with their troop's style, and best meets their troop's individual needs.

Visit www.programresources.org for lots more.

National Outdoor Awards Program

Do you enjoy camping under the stars, rafting a whitewater river, or hitting the trail afoot, on a bike, or even on a horse? Can you pitch a tent, find your way, and bandage an ankle using only materials in your pack? Are you prepared to do any of these in rain, snow, sleet, or heat? 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!

Visit www.danbeard.org/national-outdoor-awards-program to learn more.

Scoutbook

Shouldn't keeping track of a Scout's advancement be easy? The Boy Scouts of America thinks so. Imagine doing it all wherever you are on the devices that you use every day. Well now, it's all possible with Scoutbook!

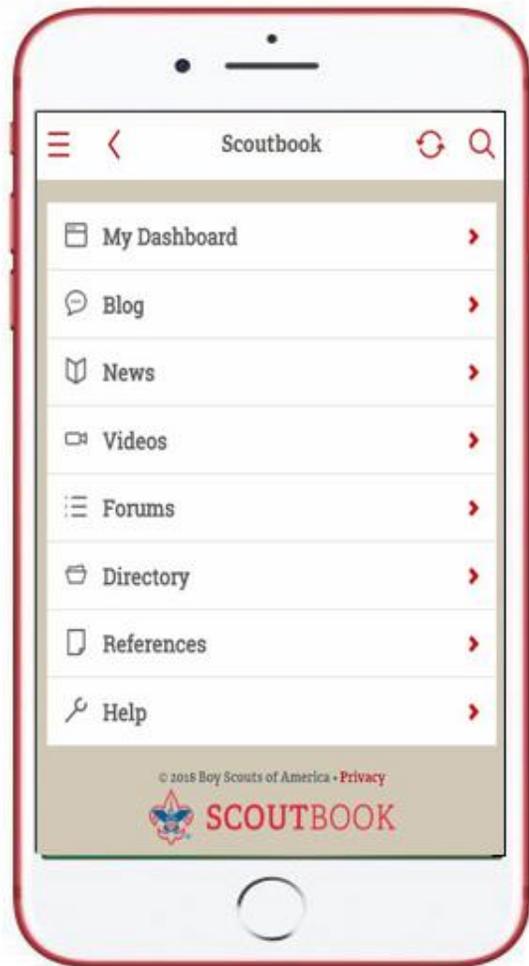
Scoutbook is the revolutionary app that makes tracking advancement easier, faster, and more fun.

From the first knot to final hours of service performed, the Scouting experience is a journey like no other. Scoutbook ensures not a moment is missed – tracking advancement, milestone achievements and all the fun along the way.

With Scoutbook, you can:

- Track Advancements
- Upload Photos and Videos
- Send messages to leaders, scouts, and parents
- Plan events and track activities
- Fun for all ages!

To learn more about the features and uses of Scoutbook, visit www.danbeard.org/scoutbook



Troop _____ of _____ District
2019 Scouting's Journey to Excellence
"The BSA method for annual planning and continuous improvement"

Item	Objective	Bronze Level	Silver Level	Gold Level	Bronze Points	Silver Points	Gold Points
Planning and Budget					Total Points: 200		
#1	Planning and budget: Have a program plan and budget that is regularly reviewed by the committee, and it follows BSA policies related to fundraising.	Have an annual program plan and budget adopted by the troop committee.	Achieve Bronze, plus troop conducts a planning meeting involving youth leaders for the following program year.	Achieve Silver, plus troop committee meets at least six times during the year to review program plans and finances.	50	100	200
Membership					Total Points: 500		
#2	Building Scouting: Recruit new youth into the troop in order to grow membership.	Have a membership growth plan that includes a recruitment activity and register new members in the troop.	Achieve Bronze, and either increase youth members by 5% or have at least 25 members.	Achieve Silver, and either increase youth members by 10% or have at least 35 members.	50	100	200
#3	Retention: Retain a significant percentage of youth members.	Reregister 75% of eligible members.	Reregister 80% of eligible members.	Reregister 85% of eligible members.	50	100	200
#4	Webelos-to-Scout transition: Have an effective plan to recruit Webelos Scouts into the troop.	With a pack or Webelos den, hold two joint activities.	Achieve Bronze, plus recruit two Webelos Scouts.	Achieve Bronze, plus provide at least one den chief to a pack and recruit five Webelos Scouts.	25	50	100
Program					Total Points: 900		
#5	Advancement: Achieve a high percentage of Scouts earning rank advancements.	40% of Scouts advance one rank during the year.	50% of Scouts advance one rank during the year.	60% of Scouts advance one rank during the year.	50	100	200
#6	Short-term camping: Conduct short-term or weekend campouts throughout the year.	Conduct four short-term overnight campouts.	Conduct seven short-term overnight campouts.	Conduct nine short-term overnight campouts.	50	100	200
#7	Long-term camping: Participate in a long-term camp with a majority of the troop in attendance.	The troop participates in a long-term camp.	60% of Scouts attend a long-term camp.	70% of Scouts attend a long-term camp.	50	100	200
#8	Service projects: Participate in service projects, with at least one benefiting the chartered organization.	Participate in three service projects and enter the hours on the JTE website.	Participate in four service projects and enter the hours on the JTE website.	Participate in five service projects and enter the hours on the JTE website.	25	50	100
#9	Patrol method: Use the patrol method to develop youth leaders.	The troop has patrols, and each has a patrol leader. There is an SPL, if more than one patrol. The PLC meets at least four times a year.	Achieve Bronze, plus PLC meets at least six times. The troop conducts patrol leader training.	Achieve Silver, plus PLC meets at least ten times. At least one Scout has attended an advanced training course, such as NYLT or Order of the Arrow Conference.	50	100	200
Volunteer Leadership					Total Points: 400		
#10	Leadership and family engagement: The troop is proactive in recruiting sufficient leaders and communicates regularly with parents.	Have at least one registered assistant Scoutmaster.	Achieve Bronze, plus the troop holds two courts of honor, where troop plans are reviewed with parents.	Achieve Bronze, plus the troop holds three courts of honor, where troop plans are reviewed with parents.	50	100	200
#11	Trained leadership: Have trained and engaged leaders at all levels. All leaders are required to have youth protection training.	Scoutmaster or an assistant Scoutmaster has completed position-specific training.	Achieve Bronze, plus the Scoutmaster and 60% of assistants have completed position-specific training or, if new, will complete within three months of joining.	Achieve Silver, plus two-thirds of active committee members have completed position-specific training and at least one person has attended an advanced training course involving a total of least 5 days.	50	100	200

- Bronze:** Earn at least 525 points by earning points in at least 7 objectives. **Total points earned:** _____
- Silver:** Earn at least 750 points by earning points in at least 8 objectives.
- Gold:** Earn at least 1,000 points by earning points in at least 8 objective and at least Bronze in #6 or #7. **No. of objectives with points:** _____
- Our troop has completed online rechartering by the deadline in order to maintain continuity of our program.*
- We certify that these requirements have been completed:*

Scoutmaster _____ Date _____

Committee chair _____ Date _____

Commissioner _____ Date _____

This form should be submitted to the Scout service center or your unit commissioner, as directed by your council.

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 out the senior patrol leader. Don't wait for the SPL to fail but be careful not to take over for them. Careful, non-intrusive 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. A checkup by the senior patrol leader prior to the conference ensures that nothing is forgotten.

Follow the agenda. 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.

Remember the conference ground rules:

1. The Senior Patrol Leader presides.

2. Each event and program are voted on.

Find more resources at: troopleader.org/troop-meetings

3. The majority rules. (Note: No time limits have been placed on the agenda but working sessions should last no longer than **45 minutes** without a break.)



Meeting Plan: _____



Week __ Date _____

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	RUN BY	TIME*
Preopening __ minutes before meeting			_____
Opening Ceremony __ minutes	Flag presentation Oath and Law Uniform inspection		_____
Group Instruction __ minutes	• • • •		_____
Skills Instruction __ minutes	• • • • 		_____
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Breakout Groups __ minutes			_____
Game __ minutes			_____
Closing __ minutes	Announcements Leader's minute Closing		_____
Total 90 minutes of meeting			
After the Meeting __ minutes	Leadership team review plans for the next meeting and for the main event.		



<p>FLORIDA SEA BASE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sailing Fishing Snorkeling Kayaking Scuba diving 	<p>NORTHERN TIER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wilderness Canoeing Fishing International Winter Expeditions 	<p>PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Backpacking Rock Climbing Shooting Sports Horseback Riding Living History 	<p>THE SUMMIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Adventure Summer Camp Rock Climbing Shooting Sports Zip Lining

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.

Camp Friedlander

Camp Friedlander is the premier Scouts BSA Summer Camp program with a wide variety of merit badge options, activities for younger and older Scouts, training opportunities for adult leaders, and some of the best camping facilities in the country. Each summer, thousands of Scouts from across the nation (and the world!) make Camp Friedlander their summer camp home for a fun week of learning, achievement, leadership, and Scouting at its best.

SECONDS DISCOUNT

Attend two sessions of summer camp or NYLT and get summer camp and get a discount off during the second registration.

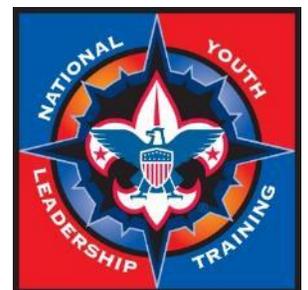
Visit www.danbeard.org/camping/scouts-bsa-camping

NYLT

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.

The NYLT course centers on the concepts of what a leader must BE, KNOW, and DO.

www.danbeard.org/NYLT



Venturing

Program Updates

Over the past few years there have been several program updates to the Venturing program. Everything from awards, to training, and more. The Scouting program continues to evolve to meet the needs of today's youth and to help prepare them for life. We want to keep you as up to date as the new updates are rolled out. Learn more about the core awards and Venturing at www.danbeard.org/Venturing. You can get all of the Venturing Program Updates online at www.danbeard.org/venturing-program-updates.

Core Awards



Venturing Award
Discovery Award
Pathfinder Award
Summit Award

These core awards are designed around adventure to reflect this engaging program, which challenges Venturers to experience activities beyond their typical routine.

Venturing Program Resources

Your Annual Crew Program Plan = Satisfied Venturers and Families = A Lifelong Love of Scouting!

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. Get all of the preparation steps at www.danbeard.org/venturing-program-planning

While there, you will also have access to resources such as following:

[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.

[Crew Calendar Template](#) 

This template allows you to fill in dates and events important to your unit and the annual program plan. It can be saved, revised as needed, and printed or emailed, making it easy to update and share

Crew Budget Planning

These fillable electronic forms help make crew budgeting straightforward.

[Planning Your Crew's Annual Program Budget](#) 

Crew Operating Budget Worksheet, available in [PDF](#)  and [Excel](#)  formats.

[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. [Venturing Crew Annual Program Planning Conference](#) 

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

Funding the Year

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 it takes financial resources in order to accomplish this. It is important each unit plans out the expenses for the year along with what fundraising will need to be accomplished in order to carry out the program.

Basic Expenses

- Registration Fees - \$33/year per youth/adult
- Liability Insurance (charter fee) - \$40/year per unit
- Accident Insurance - \$5.50 /year per youth/adult
- Boys Life - \$12/year
- Activities
- How much will each Meeting/Extra Activities Cost?
- Summer Camps, Winter Camp, Day Camp & Resident Camps
- Does the unit pay for part / all of these activities or the individual youth?
- Advancements
- What type of awards and approximately how many does the unit plan to hand out?
- Troop or Den/Pack Dues
- Does the unit charge a due to help cover Troop/Den/Pack Costs?
- Reserve Fund
- Does the Unit have adequate funds in reserve for unforeseen expenses Fundraising Opportunities?

The Dan Beard Council provides youth with fundraising opportunities to help pay for the unit's expenses along with awards, camps, registration fees, boys life and much more. Teaching our youth that they can earn their own way is just one of the many values that the Scouts BSA teach 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.

Trails End Popcorn Sale

- Runs from September 1 through December 4
- Great commissions
- Prizes and incentives for youth

www.danbeard.org/popcorn

2019 Popcorn Dates

May 1	Unit Enrollment Starts
June 25	Sign-ups for Popcorn Rallies Begin
July 20	Sign-ups for Popcorn Rallies End
August 6	Popcorn Rally #1 (Scout Achievement Center)
August 8	Popcorn Rally #2 (Northern Kentucky)
August 13	Popcorn Rally #3 (Scout Achievement Center)
August 30	Show & Sell Orders Due
**September 7	Popcorn Festival
September 12	Popcorn Sort
September 13	Popcorn Distribution
October 19	Return Day
October 23	Final Take Orders Due
October 25	Show & Sell Payments Due
November 7	Popcorn Sort
November 8	Popcorn Distribution
December 2	Final Payments Due



***Dates are subject to change*

Camp Card Sale

• Many units use this opportunity to give the youth all commissions to help send themselves to Summer Camp, High Adventures, Day Camp & Resident Camps.

www.danbeard.org/CampCards

January 31	Sale Kickoff (Achievement Center)
February 7	Card Orders Due
March 12	Sale Begins
May 8	Sale Ends
May 15	Card returns and Payments Due
May 22	Extended Summer Camp Final Payment Due



Unit Budgeting

The activities a pack, troop, or crew can participate in hinges on their finances - both how much funds are available as well as the plan on 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. There is a guide available that can help as starting place for some of the basics for planning your unit's budget.

Unit Budgeting Guide: www.danbeard.org/unit-budget-planning

Unit Accounts

As a service to its units and customers, the Dan Beard 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, Boys' Life, camp registration fees, or activity fees. Funds from the unit account can be used in the Dan Beard Scout Shop - simply request a balance at the Scout Achievement Center reception desk and bring the balance slip to the store clerks to make payment.

If you wish to use the unit account service, you may simply bring a check, cash, or credit card 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, 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 conducting such an 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. The form is available at www.danbeard.org/unit-budget-planning

Accident and Injury / Insurance Information

We want you and your Scouts to feel safe and secure while participating in the Scouting program. Part of that process is being properly prepared by following the safe Scouting information above. If there is an accident, you can learn more about how to properly report it at www.danbeard.org/accident-and-incident-reporting.

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 30,000 youth in Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky.

Your annual membership fee goes directly to the National Council, so all of the local raised funds are what support our local Scout council each 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 \$206 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 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 the Dan Beard Council, and ask if families will consider supporting the cause. Presentations are typically made during the months of January, February, and March.

Growing Your Unit

Recruiting Youth

Oftentimes 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.

2019 Join Scout Night Important Dates

July 18	Join Scout Night Training
July 22	Join Scout Night Training
July 24	Join Scout Night Training
July 30	Join Scout Night Training

Additional Timeframes

- **Webelos to Scout Transition | February/March:** Make sure Webelos are visiting local Troops
- **Cub Scout Spring Recruitment | April/May:** Each district has a spring recruitment event planned to help grow your pack and recruit kindergarten youth so they can participate in summer and camping activities.
- **Bring a Friend to Scouts | Year-round:** There is no better recruitment technique than peer-to-peer recruiting. Have a competition within your unit who can recruit their buddies to join Scouts and give out a special prize.

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 conduct 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.

Recruiting Adults

Along with recruiting youth we often 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.

Family Scouting

The BSA's mission is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. We are excited to announce that all Scouting programs are now open to boys and girls. By welcoming both girls and boys into the program, even more youth will have access to the character development and values-based leadership that Scouting promises. The most up to date information about this exciting development can be found at www.scouting.org/familyscouting.



TROOP RESOURCE SURVEY

Scouting is for adults as well as youth. We invite you to share your skills and interests so the best possible program can be developed for the Scouts in this troop. In making this survey, the committee wishes to find ways you can enjoy using your talents to help our Scouts. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Welcome to the Scout family of Troop No. _____ in the _____ Council.

Please return this survey to _____

Are you currently registered with the Boy Scouts of America? Yes No

(Please print.)

Name _____ Phone _____

Street address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Mobile phone _____

Business phone _____ Email address _____

1. What is your favorite hobby? _____ Occupation _____

2. In what sports do you take an active part? _____

3. Would you be willing to assist the troop leaders and committee members occasionally? _____

4. Please check the areas in which you would be willing to help:

General Activities

- Campouts
- Hikes
- Outdoor activities
- Troop meetings
- Swimming supervision
- Accounting
- Web management/design
- Drawing/art
- Transportation of Scouts
- Transportation of equipment
- Other _____ (please print)

Special Program Assistance

- I can participate in boards of review.
- I have a minivan or _____ truck.
- I have a workshop.
- I have family camping gear.
- I have access to camping property.
- I can make contacts for special trips and activities.
- I can help with troop equipment.
- Other _____ (please print)

5. Please check any Scouting skills you would be willing to teach:

- Ropework (knots and lashings)
- Outdoor cooking
- First aid
- Star study
- Map, compass, and GPS use
- Conservation
- Aquatics
- Knife and ax handling
- Citizenship
- Camping

Check the merit badges on the other side of this sheet that you are willing to help the Scouts earn.

MERIT BADGES

Check the merit badges that you can help the Scouts earn.

- American Business
- American Cultures
- American Heritage
- American Labor
- Animal Science
- Animation
- Archaeology
- Archery
- Architecture
- Art
- Astronomy
- Athletics
- Automotive Maintenance
- Aviation
- Backpacking
- Basketry
- Bird Study
- Bugling
- Camping
- Canoeing
- Chemistry
- Chess
- Citizenship in the Community
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the World
- Climbing
- Coin Collecting
- Collections
- Communication
- Composite Materials
- Cooking
- Crime Prevention
- Cycling
- Dentistry
- Digital Technology
- Disabilities Awareness
- Dog Care
- Drafting
- Electricity
- Electronics
- Emergency Preparedness
- Energy
- Engineering
- Entrepreneurship
- Environmental Science
- Exploration
- Family Life
- Farm Mechanics
- Fingerprinting
- Fire Safety
- First Aid
- Fish and Wildlife Management
- Fishing
- Fly-Fishing
- Forestry
- Game Design
- Gardening
- Genealogy
- Geocaching
- Geology
- Golf
- Graphic Arts
- Hiking
- Home Repairs
- Horsemanship
- Indian Lore
- Insect Study
- Inventing
- Journalism
- Kayaking
- Landscape Architecture
- Law
- Leatherwork
- Lifesaving
- Mammal Study
- Medicine
- Metalwork
- Mining in Society
- Model Design and Building
- Motorboating
- Moviemaking
- Music
- Nature
- Nuclear Science
- Oceanography
- Orienteering
- Painting
- Personal Fitness
- Personal Management
- Pets
- Photography
- Pioneering
- Plant Science
- Plumbing
- Pottery
- Programming
- Public Health
- Public Speaking
- Pulp and Paper
- Radio
- Railroad
- Reading
- Reptile and Amphibian Study
- Rifle Shooting
- Robotics
- Rowing
- Safety
- Salesmanship
- Scholarship
- Scouting Heritage
- Scuba Diving
- Sculpture
- Search and Rescue
- Shotgun Shooting
- Signs, Signals, and Codes
- Skating
- Small-Boat Sailing
- Snow Sports
- Soil and Water Conservation
- Space Exploration
- Sports
- Stamp Collecting
- Surveying
- Sustainability
- Swimming
- Textile
- Theater
- Traffic Safety
- Truck Transportation
- Veterinary Medicine
- Water Sports
- Weather
- Welding
- Whitewater
- Wilderness Survival
- Wood Carving
- Woodwork

Other skills and activities I could assist in for the older-Scout program:

- Backpacking
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Business
- Cross-country skiing
- Cycling
- Downhill skiing
- Fishing
- Freestyle biking
- Golf
- Hockey
- Kayaking
- Mechanics
- Mountain man
- Orienteering
- Rafting
- Rappelling
- Sailing
- Scuba diving
- Shooting sports
- Slow-pitch softball
- Snow camping
- Soccer
- Spelunking
- Survival
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Video/photography
- Volleyball
- Whitewater canoeing
- Windsurfing



Growing the Adult Leadership & Developing a Succession Plan

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

Key Leader Positions Needed for 2019-2020 Year

1. _____

Prospect #1: _____ Prospect #2: _____

2. _____

Prospect #1: _____ Prospect #2: _____

3. _____

Prospect #1: _____ Prospect #2: _____

4. _____

Prospect #1: _____ Prospect #2: _____

- 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 insure great parent involvement for years to come.

Advancement and Path to Eagle

Advancement & Recognition is 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 (2019 edition) is your one stop for everything you need to know about advancement. You can download it online.

Visit www.danbeard.org/Advancement. There you will also find information about Merit Badges, Counselors and more.

Life to Eagle Seminar – May 15, 2019, Scout Achievement Center. Visit www.danbeard.org/life-to-eagle-seminar for more information.

Leader 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.

New in Training:

Kick off a new year of Scouts BSA with the training you need to be a successful Scoutmaster. Earlier this year, the BSA's Scouting U team released the new leader training in the redesigned LearnCenter 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 new LearnCenter is designed to provide content in short modules that you can quickly get refreshed on as you prepare to meet with your Troop.

Learn all about training at www.danbeard.org/Training

Get tutorials about the new LearnCenter at www.danbeard.org/my-scouting-org-learncenter-tutorials

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.danbeard.org/ScoutingU



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 made 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



2019 Course: September 6-8, 2019 and September 20-22, 2019 (Friday thru Sunday, Two Weekends)

Orientation Meeting for Registered Participants: Saturday, August 17th

2019 Course Director | Dave Lindley: FallWoodBadge@training.danbeard.org

Assessing Your Unit

One of the most important steps in planning a successful year-round Scout program is assessing the Scout Unit on how they did the year before. The Journey to excellence program is one way to easily do so. Below are some easy steps in assessing your Scout Unit's overall health and please often refer back to the Journey to Excellence Scorecard.

What do your Scouts want from your unit?

Fun, Adventure, Excitement, New Opportunities

What do you probably want from your unit?

Fun, Rewarding, Chance to help youth, Chance for service, Efficient, help from others, not take too much of your time, be and feel successful!

What do your Scout's parents want from your unit?

Growth, improved character, Cub Scout has fun and is happy, Safe, Well Organized, not too expensive, doesn't take too much time, opportunity for youth to do service.

What does Scouting want from your unit?

Serve youth, use BSA methods and policies, be strong, healthy and growing.

Journey to Excellence helps you get there. It brings:

- **Framework** for evaluating your Cub Scout Pack
- **Assessment** of how you're doing in the key areas found in great Cub Scout Packs
 - *Advancements* • *Membership* • *Outdoor* • *Retention* • *Service Projects* • *Leadership* • *Training* • *Budget*
- **Guidance** in areas you might do better
- **Guidelines & Standards** of what is good performance
- **Early Warnings** of potential problem areas
- **Recognition** for your good performance
- **Benchmarking** to get ideas and tips from other good units

Calendar

Legend:

- SAC | **Scout Achievement Center**
- FH | **Fort Hamilton**
- HW | **Hopewell**
- WHH | **William Henry Harrison**
- MK | **Maketewa**
- BJ | **Blue Jacket**
- USG | **US Grant**
- HK | **Hopkins**
- TB | **Trailblazer**
- CC | **Camp Cards**
- JSN Train | **Join Scout Night Trainings**