

TOP CLOUDS: 6.1.21 edition

An online edition of this Apache District Newsletter can also be found @ <http://www.mccscouting.org/smoke-signals>

Apache Roundtable for Thursday, June 10, 2021, 7:00 p.m. will meet in-person at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 6828 Old Reid Road, Charlotte, NC 28210.

7:00 p.m. Cracker Barrel, Meet and Greet

7:30 p.m. General Session: Opening Flag ceremony, Invocation, District Updates, Training Awards, Announcements, RT Commissioner's Minute

7:50 p.m. Breakout Session: Scout Executive Mark Turner on "State of the Council"

8:45 p.m. "Leave No Trace" clean-up, Roundtable ends

Thursday, July 8, 2021, No Roundtable will occur.

Thursday, August 12, 2021, Next Roundtable

Agendas will be posted at <https://www.mccscouting.org/apache-roundtables>

Apache Roundtable Commissioner Brady Drummond-Ryan, bradydryan@gmail.com

On Schedule - Eagle Project Proposal In-person Reviews will occur at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 6828 Old Reid Road, Charlotte, NC 28210 on these dates:

Thursday, June 10, 2021, 6:00 p.m.,

Thursday, July 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m.,

Thursday, August 12, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Scouts may request virtual reviews. Scouts should follow instructions for scheduling posted at <https://www.mccscouting.org/eagle-scouts>, then Project Review Information.

Recruiting Ideas for Your Unit

Recruiting is tough right now with no access to traditional CMS schools, many charter organizations with closed buildings, and families justifiably skeptical of in-person meetings. The following ideas are for your Unit to leverage now (and in the future!):

[Nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com) – promote what your Scouts are doing, when and where you meet.

Facebook – if you don't have a Unit page, that's fine, many HOA's or neighborhoods have a page where you can promote what your Scouts are doing, when and where you meet.

Charter Org News – ask your Charter Org to promote what your Scouts are doing in their news or bulletins. Have them share on their Social Media channels.

Local School Principal & PTA – do you know the Principal and/ or PTA where most of your Scouts come from? Now is the time to build and foster those relationships. Cleanup around the school, take pictures and have them post on their Social Media channels.

For more information or ideas, contact Apache Membership Chair Andy Waligowski at andy.waligowski@gmail.com

Bryan on Scouting Blog, January 21, 2021

"Before you meet, make sure you screen for COVID-19"

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2021/01/21/before-you-meet-make-sure-you-screen-for-covid-19/>

This article includes 2021 updates and links about COVID risk management.

Cub Scout Meetings – Where Do We Go?

If your Charter Org is closed, you can still meet outside. Now is a great time to keep the outing in Scouting. Meet at public parks – Town or County parks are open. If you can't have traditional Den Meetings, meet as a Pack and let the Scouts learn Scout skills – some may be advanced or repeats, but get them outside and have them bring a friend!!

For more information or ideas, contact Apache Membership Chair Andy Waligowski at andy.waligowski@gmail.com

Cub Scout leaders

These resources may be helpful to planning Cub programs:

<https://www.sgcbasa.org/files/29281/Lion-Leader-Parent-Guide-pdf>

<https://www.sgcbasa.org/files/29282/Tiger-Leader-Guide-pdf>

<https://www.sgcbasa.org/files/29283/Wolf-Leader-Guide-pdf>

<https://www.sgcbasa.org/files/29284/Bear-Leader-Guide-pdf>

<https://www.sgcbasa.org/files/29285/Webelos-Leader-Guide-pdf>

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/10/05/den-leader-guides-cub-scout-leader-book-available-in-print-and-digital-formats/>

These Cub Scout Adventures video resources can help your next den meeting:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/08/25/these-cub-scout-adventures-video-resources-can-help-your-next-den-meeting/>

Merit Badge Information

Current merit badge requirements:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>

Unofficial, optional merit badge workbooks: <http://usscouts.org/meritbadges.asp>

Blue Card Guide: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R-](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R-9a4mZuGMgrR1SECJdKsMkt4c4kxda4/view?usp=sharing)

[9a4mZuGMgrR1SECJdKsMkt4c4kxda4/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R-9a4mZuGMgrR1SECJdKsMkt4c4kxda4/view?usp=sharing)

Merit Badge Homework Guide:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jm7GIJ9V9FbZZQTVU3hO74bc_yaiXkBN/view?usp=sharing

Official BSA merit badge pamphlets:

Troop library, Mecklenburg County Council Scout Shop, www.scoutshop.org

Printed and digital editions for Kindle: www.smile.amazon.com

Scheduled Merit Badge Courses

Eagle Day at Myers Park Presbyterian Church on Saturday, June 5, 2021

The following merit badge classes are offered:

Citizenship in Community

Citizenship in the Nation

Citizenship in the World

Communication

Emergency Preparedness

Reading

Scholarship

Sustainability

An Eagle Day Guide 2021 with information on courses, health forms, and pre-course homework is posted at

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NBQasECIqsDOoOvgGGE6P7jPFHvLzUzZ/view?usp=sharing>

On-line registration and payment are live at

<https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/eagle-day-2021/2818881>

Merit Badge Saturdays at Belk Scout Camp

On-line registration and payment are open for

Saturday, August 21 Environmental Science

Saturday, October 2 Environmental Science

Saturday, November 20 Environmental Science
Saturday, December 4 Fish and Wildlife Management

Links to a Merit Badge Saturdays Guide (with information on the course, health forms, and pre-course homework) and on-line registration and payment are live at

<https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/merit-badge-saturdays-2021/2778528>

Save the Dates: Aquatics Merit Badges

Links to on-line registration and payment will be posted at

<https://www.mccscouting.org/merit-badge-info>

Belk Scout Camp

Thursday, Friday, July 22, 23, 2021, times to be determined

Swimming \$35, Lifesaving \$45

Camp Grimes

Friday, Saturday, July 30, 31, 2021, times to be determined

Canoeing \$40, Kayaking \$40

Stamp Collecting Merit Badge

Saturday, July 24, 2021, in conjunction with Charlotte Philatelic Society's Annual Stamp Show in the Worrell Building, CPCC Central Campus

Before registering, please review the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Guide posted at

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CzuO1m-Vqr2Dm_ZRbT6mvQikHG2tE_mF/view?usp=sharing

On-line registration and payment are open at

<https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/stamp-collecting-merit-badge-course/2815179>

Save the Dates: Personal Management Merit Badge

Late August, 2021--first on-line meeting, follow-up on-line and in-person meetings to be scheduled, ending December, 2021.

Links to more information and registration will be posted at <https://www.mccscouting.org/merit-badge-info>

Save the Dates:

"Great Scout Cook Out" (Cooking Merit Badge, maybe others) at Camp Grimes

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 8-9-10, 2021

Schedule Your Own Merit Badge Courses

Scuba Merit Badge

<https://www.mccscouting.org/merit-badge-info>

BSA Conservation and STEM Award Information

<https://www.mccscouting.org/advancement>

Opportunities for Service Hours and Eagle Projects

"Guidelines for Scout Community Service and Conservation Projects with Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department" are posted at

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1upktRobptxVtIUwnVHgSnYL_EszT5QzR/view?usp=sharing

Information on volunteer opportunities is posted

at <https://www.mecknc.gov/ParkandRec/Volunteer/Pages/volunteer-opportunities.aspx>

ADVANCEMENT NEWS:

Community Service

Rank advancement requires community service. Tenderfoot requires 1 hour. Second Class requires 2 hours. First Class requires 3 hours. Star requires 6 hours. Life requires 6 hours, 3 hours of which must be conservation-related. Eagle requires a service project.

Summer of Service 2021 patches

<https://www.scouting.org/summerofservice/> <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2021/05/18/here-are-some-ideas-for-summer-of-service-projects/>

Advancement Update: Extensions Beyond Age 18

Local councils have authority to grant limited extensions of time to complete Eagle, Quartermaster, or Summit requirements. More information is available at

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/resources/>

Digital Safety and Online Scouting Activities

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/digital-safety-and-online-scouting-activities/>

Volunteers Needed – Eagle Projects and Eagle Boards of Review

The Apache Advancement team seeks volunteers to participate in Eagle Project Proposal Reviews and in Eagle Boards of Review. For more information, please contact Apache Advancement Chair, Dean Elledge at apache.advancement@gmail.com.

Eagle Application Packets with Complete Merit Badge Advancement Records Requested

When Scouts present their Eagle application packets to the Council office to seek scheduling for the Eagle Boards of Review, please include a current Scoutbook or other advancement report so that the Board can process an immediate Palm recognition request at the time of the Board. For further Advancement information, please contact your Apache District Advancement Chair or visit <https://www.mccscouting.org/advancement> or <https://www.mccscouting.org/eagle-scouts>

Eagle Board of Review Questions

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2012/09/14/20-questions-to-ask-at-your-next-eagle-board-of-review/>

Tools for Eagle Projects

Charlotte ToolBank provides inexpensive access to tools for group projects.

<https://charlotte.toolbank.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWqwzlkJWv8>

Scouts and units may also borrow tools from Belk Scout Camp for service and conservation projects.

Eagle project idea—Bug Hotel

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2021/04/21/check-out-this-scouts-buzzworthy-eagle-project-an-eco-friendly-hotel-for-bugs/>

Aquatics News

Save the Dates

Saturday, June 12, **Cub Day Camp and WAC Swim Tests** at Belk Scout Camp

Saturday, June 26, **WAC Swim Tests** at Belk Scout Camp

<https://myetowahdaycamp.wixsite.com/daycamprocks/forms-dates>

Links to on-line sign-up pages: <https://www.mccscouting.org/webelos-adventure-camp>

BSA Lifeguard training

Friday-Saturday, June 4-5, at Belk Scout Camp plus advanced classes via Zoom

Registration is open at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScmpDVbZIOhRBY1j0nu9voTRAVGpHGwHuwCov0NjBLWCKaSTg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Scout youth age 15 and older with strong swimming skills can qualify to serve as BSA Lifeguards at the Belk pool and can volunteer for Cub Day Camp and WAC and can assist with aquatic merit badge days. BSA Lifeguards must be 16 or older to serve as lifeguards at the waterfront at Camp Grimes.

Paddle Craft Safety Course

Saturday, June 19, 2021, 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM, at Camp Grimes Waterfront

Paddle Craft Safety expands Safety Afloat training to include the skills and knowledge needed for a unit leader to confidently supervise canoeing or kayaking excursions on flat water. Youth age 15 and above are eligible to attend. The course requires participants to complete the Safety Afloat online course in advance, to meet BSA Swim Test "Swimmer" requirements, and to complete a written test at the end of the course.

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/Aquatics/pdf/430-501.pdf>

Online registration and payment are open at:

<https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/2021-paddle-craft-safety-flat-water-course/2812777>

Registration closes on Wednesday, June 16/16/2021, 11:55 p.m.

From the Pond

US Forest Service Kids Fishing Days

The Pisgah National Forest will sponsor a series of "Kids Fishing Days" on each ranger district for National Fish and Boating week. For further details, please visit U S Forest Service Kids Fishing Days at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/nfsnc/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD911016>

Kids Fishing Event at Bass Pro

Bass Pro at Concord Mills Mall will host a walk-up Kids Fishing event at its pond on Saturdays and Sundays of June 12-13 and 19-20 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. More details will be posted soon on the Bass Pro web site at <https://www.basspro.com/shop/en#>

Bring fishing to your Scouts and units with Cub Scout Fishing and Fishing and Fly-Fishing Merit Badge learning and teaching resources. Find links at

<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/fishing/>

FISH ON!!!

Outing in Scouting

Long distance trails in NC

<https://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/state/north-carolina/article239278463.html?intcid=connatix>

Subscribe for free printable USGS Topo maps

<https://www.natgeomaps.com/trail-maps/pdf-quads>

Bring Dutch oven cooking and baking to your Scouts:

Intro to Dutch Oven Cooking

<http://www.bsatroop540.com/camping-recipes/>

Dessert recipes

<http://www.bsatroop540.com/camping-recipes/dessert/>

Scouting at Home

Merit badges for social distancing: 58 badges Scouts can complete at home

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/20/merit-badges-for-social-distancing/>

Movies for Merit Badge Advancement

<https://www.mccscouting.org/merit-badge-info>

Remote Scouting

<http://www.scoutshare.org/>

APACHE DISTRICT NEWS AND EVENTS:

Recruitment

Please consider the high value and low cost of word-of-mouth advertising for Scouting. Scouting families have enjoyed an increasing number of outdoor activities at our camps and through den, pack, patrol, troop, crew, district, and council programs. We have new stories to tell of our good times. Spreading the word to friends and neighbors at the beach or pool or backyard parties can open doors to opportunities for more youth and adults to join Scouting during Fall Round-up.

COUNCIL NEWS AND EVENTS:

Saturday, May 29, 2021: Memorial Day Weekend Flag Ceremonies

An estimated 300 Scouts and 100 adults gathered at Evergreen Cemetery and at Sharon Memorial Park to decorate the graves of military veterans with American flags. After an opening ceremony to raise a large American flag to half-mast in step with the national guideline to honor the 9 victims of the mass shooting on at the San Jose Valley Transit Authority on May 26, Scouts picked up bundles of flags and dispersed to walk through the cemeteries. As they walked quietly peering down at bronze markers and tomb stones, they looked for images and words indicating military service: a parachute symbol, "Pvt US Army", "World War I", "World War II", "Korean War", "Viet Nam". These were their clues to place a flag and to reflect on how these men and women contributed to history. In all, these Scouts placed 6000 flags. On this day, they too contributed to history, recorded here and in their memories, and took home lessons in citizenship and service.

2021 Camp Card Sale—Extended until August 30!

Vendor discounts last until the end of 2021. Please contact Brian Sweeney, Hornets Nest District Director and 2021 Camp Card Adviser, for details.

Scouts can sell online at www.scoutingtracker.com. The Council will mail the cards to your customers. Scouts must set up a Scout ID with their unit Camp Card Coordinator. The sale has a first responder option for those that want to support a Scout but do not want the card. We will recognize first responders with these cards for their service.

Scout Shop News

The Cub Scout Adventure Program will retire the following 19 Elective Adventures effective May 31, 2022:

Tiger: Earning Your Stripes, Family Stories, Tiger Tales, Tiger Theater

Wol: Collections and Hobbies, Grow Something, Hometown Heroes, Motor Away

Bear: Beat of the Drum, Make It Move, Robotics, World of Sound
Webelos/AOL: Adventures in Science, Build My Hero, Fix It, Looking Back Looking Forward, Maestro Movie Making, Project Family

Why the Change: These have been identified as the lowest earned within their rank, with the lowermost being earned by less than 3% of eligible youth.

All 19 Adventures are still eligible to be earned during the 2021-2022 program year. However, inventory is limited and will only be available while supplies last.

For more information: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2021/05/13/nineteen-cub-scout-elective-adventures-will-be-retired-next-year/>

Attention: Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos Dens

2021 Cub Day Camp at Belk Scout Camp

Monday, June 14 through Friday, June 18 -- Cub Day Camp is open to Cub Scouts from all districts and councils.

<https://myetowahdaycamp.wixsite.com/daycamprocks/program>

Webelos Adventure Camp (WAC) 2021 –Preparing for Summer

If you have not yet selected the schedule for your scouts at WAC this summer please do so as soon as you can. Don't wait until the last minute to make this important decision.

As camp approaches, you can do a few things to prepare yourself and your scouts.

If you are not up to date on your training, please complete these online at my.scouting.org:

- Youth Protection
- Weather Hazards

Sign up to complete a swim test before arriving at camp for check in day. There are two dates available at Belk Scout camp:

- June 12th - <https://bit.ly/3vfpYTD>
- June 26th - <https://bit.ly/2SoyZvc>

Begin collecting the BSA Health Forms from all your scouts and adults. Please review the forms for completeness of all parts including dates and signatures as well as a front and back copy of the insurance card.

Completing the above items will make check in run much more smoothly when you join us this summer to escape the great indoors.

For more information contact the WAC Camp Director, Sasha Timkovich

WACDirector@GMail.com

Save the Date! Friday - Sunday, November 12 - 14, 2021

3rd Annual NST10 [National Service Territory] **All-Girl Camporee** at Camp Grimes

Details forthcoming. Please email Monica.Zeleznik@Scouting.org with any questions or if you would like to be involved in the planning process.

Exploring (for young men and women 10 to 20 years old)

Why We Do What We Do...

My middle son Will and two of his classmates and fellow EMT's were in the Charlotte Fire Fighters Exploring Post, and Troop 118. Captain Stefan Jones was the post leader and, oh, how he made an impression on Will. During Will's junior and senior year in high school Will took every opportunity to ride along, and even stay overnight, with Station 3 or 42.....and his mom and I can credit Will for convincing his brother to sell his motorcycle after sharing some of the motorcycle accident calls he rode on. Today all three of them continue their service as commissioned officers; Will in the U.S. Navy, and his friends serve in the U.S. Coast Guard.

~William B. Cornett (Bill)

WHY EXPLORING?

Exploring provides exciting activities and mentorship for youth looking to discover their future.

Exploring Career Interest Survey

Engaging with career professionals, middle and high school students gain unique, real-life opportunities to experience varied career choices aiding in a more informed decision about future careers.

Below is the 2021 Career Exploring survey link to share with 8th through 12th grade students. By completing this survey, students will receive an invite from us to attend open house events if there is a career interest match.

<http://bit.ly/ExploringSurvey2021>

If you have a 6th or 7th grade student, or perhaps you would like to serve as a career mentor, or if you have any other questions, please schedule meeting with me at

<https://calendly.com/mzeleznik>

National Scouting

Scouting magazine news

The print version of *Scouting* magazine ended with the May-June 2020 issue.

A new *Scouting* magazine app is available now in the App Store and Google Play.

Archives of old editions are at <https://scoutingmagazine.org/backissues/> and

at <https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/SCOUT/>

BSA High Adventure Base reservations

Northern Tier

Check out Summer, Winter, and Autumn Adventures at <https://www.ntier.org/>

Philmont

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/registersection/>

Some crew slots for 2021 are open. Registration is open for Individual Treks, Ranch Hands, STEM Trek, OA Trail Crew, Trail Crew, Roving Outdoor Conservation School, Rayado, Family Adventure Camp, Training Center Conferences, NAYLE, Philmont Leadership Challenge, PhilBreak, Autumn Adventure, Volunteer Vacation.

Florida Sea Base

Check out 2022 Sea Base information and registrations at <https://www.bsaseabase.org/>

Summit Bechtel Reserve

Check out High Adventure, Scout Camp, Training and Conferences at <https://www.summitbsa.org/>

International Scouting

BSA announced that the **International Spirit Award** is available to Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters. Requirements and Award form can be found at [International-Spirit-Award-app.130-044.pdf \(scouting.org\)](https://www.scouting.org/International-Spirit-Award-app.130-044.pdf). The award can be processed through Scoutbook and can be purchased through our local Scout Shop with a Scoutbook Advancement Report.

Please fill out the application with the date that each requirement was completed. All requirements must be met within 5 years from the start to completion of the Award.

Youth and adults wear the [International Spirit Award](#) emblem as a temporary patch centered on the right uniform pocket.

Requirements and application form for the International Scouter's Award Square Knot are posted at <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/International-Scouters-Award-app.pdf>

<https://www.scouting.org/international/events/>

July 17-28, 2021, Central Florida Council International Scouting Jamboree
<https://jamborette.wordpress.com>

July 18 to 22, 2022, 16th [World Scout Moot, hosted by](#) Scouting Ireland. Young people aged between 18 and 26 years on the first day of the Moot are eligible to attend as participants. "Moot" is an Old English word and means "an assembly held for discussion." For Scouts, a Moot is once-in-a-lifetime World Scouting experience!

The Moot is a high-adventure World Scout Jamboree for young adults, but on a smaller, more intimate scale. You will experience new cultures and make lasting friendships while participating in a variety of activities designed by the host country.

A Moot is unlike a Jamboree in that the first half of the program takes place on the trail at locations all around Ireland. You will have the opportunity to see beyond the typical tourist experience and encounter the real Ireland, its culture and people.

The second half of the Moot is where all the participants, after five days on the trail, come together in a jamboree-style gathering. The location for this gathering will be the magnificent medieval Malahide Castle and Gardens, parts of which date to the 12th century. The site lies close to the village of Malahide, nine miles north of central Dublin.

BSA will select 275 young people to represent the BSA in Ireland. Participants must be willing to fully commit to the Moot experience, immerse themselves in Irish culture, join an international patrol and collaborate with 5,000 other young leaders committed to creating a better world by ending poverty, fighting inequality, addressing climate change, seeking to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

Opportunities for service on the staff (International Service Team aka IST) are open for 75 adults over the age of 27. These individuals will work with Moot program and logistics teams to execute this incredible event.

Please click here for more information and to begin the application process:

<https://www.scouting.org/international/world-scout-moot/>

Before applying, please confirm that you have a current paid registration with the BSA. If you have an expired BSA member number associated with your my.scouting account, you will not be able to register.

Please email BSAconingent@gmail.com with any questions.

August 1-12, 2023, 25th World Scout Jamboree, Saemanguem, South Korea

2023 World Jamboree Host Site

<http://www.2023wsjkorea.org>

2023 USA World Jamboree Contingent Site

<https://wsj2023.us>

European Scout Voluntary Program

<https://www.scouting.org/international/ecamp/>

Participants must be 18 to 30 years old and must commit to serve on camp staff in Europe for at least 6 weeks.

Kandersteg International Scout Centre

<https://www.kisc.ch/>

International BSA Blog

<https://www.scouting.org/international/international-adventure/>

ORDER OF THE ARROW – APACHE CHAPTER

New and Old—Where To Go Camping Guide 2021

The Catawba Lodge *Where To Go Camping Guide* is alive and well at

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ndu4241iIDZnpVFMplqDohSRGk7pYDkq3indesA22wQ/e/dit?usp=sharing>

The *WTGCG* is a large file (275 pages) with all kinds of information related to camping opportunities in local camps, parks, state and national forests, High Adventure Bases, national and international events, by way of car camping, backpacking, and float trips.

Link your Lodge Email to your Personal Email

Some of you may not know how to access your Lodge email account, or may be unaware that you have one. You can find instructions on forwarding all of your Lodge emails to your personal email account at

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwrGkVVw08OudS1xSHZlb1RSS1U/view?usp=sharing>

Please follow these instructions to keep up on Lodge Events.

The Catawba Lodge Executive Board (LEB) established dates for Lodge events in 2021 at its January meeting:

June 4-6 OA Ordeal at BSC

September 10-12 OA Ordeal at BSC

October 1-3 OA Fall Fellowship at BSC

December 3 OA Banquet at BSC

OA High Adventure Opportunities

Summer, 2021

OA Canadian Odyssey (Northern Tier)

OA Ocean Adventure (Florida Sea Base)

OA Summit Experience (Summit Bechtel Reserve)

OA Trail Crew (Philmont Scout Ranch)

OA Wilderness Voyage (Northern Tier)

<https://oa-bsa.org/high-adventure>

OA, Southern Region, 2020 National Leadership Seminars (NLS) (for youth)

<http://southern.oa-bsa.org/nls/>

Sept 24-26, 2021, Orlando, FL

Nov 12-14, 2021, BSA National Office, Irving, TX

Dec 10-12, 2021, Greensboro, NC

OA, Southern Region, 2020 Developing Youth Leadership Conferences (DYLC) (for advisers)

<http://southern.oa-bsa.org/dylc/>

Sept 24-26, 2021, Orlando, FL

Nov 12-14, 2021, BSA National Office, Irving, TX

Dec 10-12, 2021, Greensboro, NC

TRAINING NEWS:

“Trained” Patch information

<https://www.scoutshop.org/trained-leader-strip-280.html>

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33066/33066_Training_Awards_WEB.pdf

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/11/24/when-can-adult-leaders-wear-the-bsas-trained-patch/>

“Trained” Patches for Youth Leaders

Scout youth leaders who have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), den chiefs (Scouts, Sea Scouts, or Venturers) who have completed Den Chief Training, and Venturing youth leaders who have completed the Crew Officers Orientation or Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) may wear the Trained Leader emblem with their badge of office.

Den Chief training is available online at

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/den-chief-training/>

ILST and ILSC are available online at

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/>

Youth should print their certificates to present to unit leaders for facilitate record keeping.

Youth Training

SEALS (for youth) and **IOLS** (for adults) courses at Belk Scout Camp are planned for the second weekend of March and for the second weekend in November on an ongoing basis.

<https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining/>

SEALS - Scouts Excited About Leadership Skills [for youth] at Belk Scout Camp

<https://sites.google.com/site/mccseals/home>

Next SEALS course: Friday-Saturday-Sunday, November 12-14, 2021

National Youth Leader Training (NYLT, AKA “Top Gun”) at Belk Scout Camp

Online registration is open for NYLT scheduled for June 27-July 2, 2021

at <https://sites.google.com/view/nyltopgun>

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) at Philmont

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/nayle/>

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) at Summit

<https://www.summitbsa.org/programs/training/seven-day-conferences/nayle/>

Adult Training

Cub Scouts:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10Pyr06PizS2Nb5rorkMdUCAttf7ANciq/view?usp=sharing>

Scouts BSA:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZsEFG1wuEvjqjsEuSsMhelifPGXdfog3/view?usp=sharing>

For more information, contact Training Chair Towner Blackstock at

townerblackstock@gmail.com.

September 11-12, 2021

BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) [for adults] at Belk Scout Camp

BALOO is an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program.

<https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining>

OLS (Outdoor Leadership Skills) [for adults] at Belk Scout Camp

OLS is a program of hands-on skills training for Scouts BSA leaders.

<https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining>

Wilderness First Aid

<https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining>

MCC Wood Badge S5-415-20 at Belk Scout Camp

<https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining/>

Philmont Training Center 2021 Conferences [for adult volunteer training] BSA Family Adventure Camp

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/>

Recognize Scouter Excellence

“Trained” Patches for Adult Leaders

Adult leaders can find requirements for earning their “Trained” patches at

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/Trained_Leader_Positions.pdf

along with references to online training courses available at <https://my.scouting.org>

Another resource is <https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/>

Online District Committee training is available.

Units, please recognize your uniformed leaders by presenting them “Trained” patches and the following awards. These knots require training to position and tenure:

Den Leader Award

Scout Leader's Training Award (Any leader)

Scouter Key (Cubmasters and Scoutmasters)

Unit Leader Award of Merit (Committee submits for Cubmasters and Scoutmasters)

Requirements and tracking forms: <https://boyscouttrail.com/square-knots.asp>

Square Knots

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2019/07/17/square-knot-rankings-what-are-the-most-and-least-awarded-square-knots/>

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/03/15/how-to-tell-if-your-scouting-square-knot-is-upside-down/>

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/02/17/scouting-service-award-combines-five-awards-into-one-cool-new-square-knot/>

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2012/11/20/in-the-loop-a-guide-to-square-knots-and-how-to-wear-them/>

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2011/03/04/alumni-knot/>

<https://scoutingmagazine.org/issues/0901/a-knots.html>

<https://scoutingalumni.org/for-alumni/alumni-recognition/alumni-award/#alumniawardabout>

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/community-organization-award/>

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/lifesaving-meritorious-action/>

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/religious-emblems/>

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/>

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-879_WB.pdf

<https://nesa.org/for-eagle-scouts/awards-and-recognition/>

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BSA National

Scouting Wire Volunteer Newsletter - The Official Blog of the Scouting Movement.

<http://scoutingwire.org>

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