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2016/2017 PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE

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DEAR TEAM 315 VOLUNTEER,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 program year in the Montana Council. The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is one of the largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations in the country. The BSA provides a program for young men and women that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. For over a century in Montana, the BSA has helped foster the future leaders of this state and country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with a strong, fun and exciting program that continually strives to stay cutting edge each year. The Montana Council believes, and knows, that helping youth is key to creating a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society. None of this happens without YOU. Your continued commitment to Scouting in Montana ensures that the best programs are possible for the youth of the Montana Council.

This program guide was created to provide you with several tools and pieces of information to make your job easier and provide the best possible program for youth. Use this guide to plan, budget and execute your ideal year of Scouting. This guide includes information such as a Council and District calendar, Youth Protection, insurance, fiscal management, ICL, tour plans, training and key Council contacts. You will also find information pertaining to the Council website and IT systems as well as marketing and opportunity information. Discover what the journey to excellence is and why it is important to Scouts, Volunteers and the Council.

There is no place like Montana to be a Scout.
And with your help, the Montana Council (Team 315) will continue to thrive!

Use this guide as a resource and get out there with your Scouts. Mentor them, teach them and watch them grow in mind, body and spirit. These kids are very, very lucky to have you as mentors and teachers of their future!

Sincerely,

Chuck Eubank
Council President

Tom Russell
Council Commissioner

Gordon Rubard
Scout Executive/CEO

Youth Protection

The Boy Scouts of America continually seeks to increase awareness of this societal problem and to create even greater barriers to abuse than already exist today in Scouting. Youth Protection support provides an opportune time for adults and children to discuss this serious subject.

The Policy of the BSA is that Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers, regardless of their position. New leaders are required to take Youth Protection upon initial registration and renew every two years.

The BSA uses a variety of tools, including video, to communicate with young people about protecting themselves against all forms of abuse. The BSA's award-winning videos of child abuse prevention help youth recognize dangerous situations and how to avoid becoming victims.

The video *It Happened to Me* is designed for Cub Scouts, boys ages 6 to 10, to view with their parents or guardians. The video presents five scenarios of high-risk situations that boys may encounter. It establishes safety rules that help the boys counteract the fear and shame that can result from abusive situations.

A Time to Tell is designed for Boy Scouts, boys ages 11 to 14. This video depicts the risks of sexual abuse through dramatizations of adolescent experiences.

A third video, *Youth Protection: Personal Safety Awareness,* is designed for any young person in the 14 to 20 age range. It is made up of vignettes dealing with the issues of acquaintance rape, Internet safety, stalking and fraternization. Each scenario is followed by instructions for local group discussions and a teen panel discussion with pertinent advice regarding each situation.

These videos have been widely used inside and outside of Scouting. To obtain a copy of any of the above videos, contact a Council Service Center. Also, to find out more about Youth Protection policies of the BSA and how to help Scouting keep your family safe, see the *Parent's Guide* in any of the Cub Scouting or Boy Scouting handbooks, or go to *www.scouting.org/Training/Youth Protection*.

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING REQUIRMENTS

CONTACTING THE MONTANA COUNCIL

The Boy Scouts of America **require** immediate notification of the Scout Executive whenever information about possible child abuse in the Boy Scout program is uncovered. The Scout Executive, Gordon Rubard, can be reached at the Scout office at 820 17th Avenue South, Great Falls, MT at (406)761-6000. In the event an evening or weekend report is necessary, he can be reached by calling (406)868-4230.

The Scout Executive will ensure that all state reporting requirements have been met and will also take measures to protect the youth in the Scouting movement.

If an immediate report is to be made due to extreme urgency, contact your local police department. Regardless, the Montana Council should be contacted as soon as possible.

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE TO AUTHORITIES

The law says any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse or acts of child abuse shall report this information immediately to your local youth protection agencies. To find a local youth protection agency, call (toll free) (866)820–5437 or www.dphhs.mt.gov/cfsd or your local law enforcement agency.

Upon receiving a report of child abuse or neglect, a caseworker shall investigate the allegations and take such action as is necessary to ensure the safety of the child.

IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY

Any person who, pursuant to the law, reports abuse and neglect or testifies in a child abuse hearing resulting from such a report is immune from any criminal or civil liability as a result of such action.

Quick Start User Guide

1. Plan What To Do

Determine what you would like to do during the year. Select activities that will help you accomplish your goals and help your youth complete advancement requirements. In short, what would your ideal year in Scouting include?

Suggested resources:

- Other adults (get all the parents together – after all, it is easier to get rid of ideas than to come up with them)
- Den and Pack Meeting Resource Guide, Webelos Leader Guide and Program Features
- Personal calendars
- Your chartered organization's calendar
- This Council and District Calendar (provides details for youth and adult programs like camporees, Klondike, trainings, etc.)
- Your Journey to Excellence commitment form
- Ideas from the youth (Cubs may have interests, Boy Scouts may have things they plan on doing, Venturers may do much of the planning themselves)
- Guide to Safe Scouting
- Large paper or white board (this way everyone can see how it flows together)
- Youth handbooks (make sure your program allows for advancement)
- List of potential conflicting community events (sporting, etc.)

2. Afford Your Program

There are two basic steps in this process. One, figure out how much it will cost. Two, determine how to pay for it. It is important that this process not be skipped. Remember, a Scout is thrifty – he pays his own way. By not going through this process, a scout is not given enough time to prepare for an expense and may have trouble living up to the Scout Law because timing made it difficult.

- Determine all of the expenses throughout the year (registration fees, Boys' Life subscriptions, annual charter fee, unit equipment purchases, summer camp/day camp, Camporee, Pinewood Derby, monthly activities, leader training, gas reimbursement, etc.)
- Identify sources of revenue to pay for the expense (Council popcorn sale, activity participation fees, monthly dues, etc.)

3. Make It Happen

Several key elements of this process include:

- Ensure enough adults in your unit have the right training prior to the activity you would like to do
- Identify who has what responsibility
- Put it in writing and share it with everyone in the unit
- Put it in your personal calendar
- Bring out your unit calendar and refer to it at each committee meeting
- Evaluate monthly so all of your families receive the maximum benefit from Scouting

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District Calendars - June 2016

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Badlands

9 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Sidney LDS Bldg
15 - District Committee

Bitterroot

2 - District Meeting, 6:15 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
2 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
4 - Bitterroot Cub Day Camp
8 - Eagle Board

Black Otter

7 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
7 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
13 thru 18 - Cub Day Camp
28 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo Plains

3 - Key 3
13 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Central

Every Monday - Unit Support Hours, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
11 - Cub Day Camp
16 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hi-Line

2 - Key 3, 1:00 p.m.
11 - Cub Scout Day Camp

Lewis & Clark

7 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
7 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
14 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
14 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m.
12 thru 14 - Webelos Rendezvous
13 thru 15 - Cub Day Camp
16 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mountain Valley

2 - OA Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center Bozeman
2 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
19 - Key 4 Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
17 thru 18 - Cub Day Camp
23 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mullan Trail

10 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Msla Library
10 thru 11 - Day Camp
15 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.
16 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South

Northwest

2 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
2 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
2 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
2 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
11 - Eagle Board of Review

Nu-Ooh-Ska

5 - Cub Day Camp
15 - District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.

Prickly Pear

8 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
8 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
22 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

2 - Roundtable & OA Mtg 7:00 p.m., LDS Church
10 thru 11 - Spring Camporee at Custer
11 - Cub Scout Day Camp
15 - District Committee Recharter

Silvertip

7 - District Meeting & Roundtables, 6:30 p.m.

Vigilante

2 - District BBQ

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June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Executive Committee Teleconference	9 Wood Badge Session 2	10 Wood Badge Session 2 Ordeal @ K-M	11 Wood Badge Session 2 Ordeal @ K-M
12 Ordeal @ K-M	13	14 Flag Day	15 District Commissioner Teleconference	16 National Youth Leadership Training - Staff Week	17 Ordeal @ Melita Council Golf Tournament	18 Ordeal @ Melita
19 Ordeal @ Melita Father's Day NYLT (Griz/K-M)	20 Melita BSA Lifeguard Week	21	22 District Training Teleconference	23	24	25
26 MOHAB Week 1 KM Staff Week... Melita Staff Week...	27	28	29	30 ICL Ends		

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District Calendars - July 2016

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Badlands

14 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Sidney LDS Bldg

Bitterroot

13 - Eagle Board

Black Otter

5 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
5 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
26 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo Plains

1 - Key 3
11 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Central

Every Monday - Unit Support Hours, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
21 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hi-Line

7 - Key 3, 1:00 p.m.

Lewis & Clark

4 - 4th of July Parade
5 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
5 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
12 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
12 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m.
21 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mountain Valley

7 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
19 - Key 4 Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
28 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mullan Trail

14 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
20 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.
21 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South

Northwest

7 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
7 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
7 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
7 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
9 - Eagle Board of Review

Nu-Ooh-Ska

20 - District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.

Prickly Pear

13 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
13 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
27 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

Silvertip

Vigilante

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July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 K-M, Melita (Staff) MOHAB 1A MOHAB 1B	2
3 MOHAB 1A MOHAB 1B MOHAB 2A and 2B Melita Week 1	4 Independence Day K-M Week 1	5	6	7	8	9
10 MOHAB 1B MOHAB 2A MOHAB 2B MOHAB 3A and 3B K-M and Melita Week 2	11	12	13 Exec Comm Tele	14	15	16
17 MOHAB 2B MOHAB 3A MOHAB 3B MOHAB 4A K-M and Melita Week 3	18	19	20 Dist Comm Tele	21	22	23
24 MOHAB 3B & 4A K-M Webelo Session 1 Griz Base Staff Week Melita Week 4	25	26	27 Dist Train Tele K-M Webelo Session 2	28	29	30
31 Melita Week 5 Griz Base Webelo						

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District Calendars - August 2016

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Badlands

11 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Sidney LDS Bldg

Bitterroot

4 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
10 - Eagle Board
25 - District Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Black Otter

2 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
2 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
23 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo Plains

5 - Key 3
8 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Central

Every Monday - Unit Support Hours, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
18 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hi-Line

4- Key 3, 1:00 p.m.
11 - District Picnic, 6:00 p.m.
11 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
11 - District Recruitment Training 7:00 p.m.

Lewis & Clark

2 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
2 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
9 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
9 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m.
18 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
27 - Scout Night at Voyagers Stadium

Mountain Valley

4 - Program Preview
4 - OA Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center Bozeman
4 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
19 - Key 4 Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
20 - Cub Activity Day
20 - Fall Recruitment Begun
25 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mullan Trail

11 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
17 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.
18 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South

Northwest

4 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
4 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
4 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
4 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
13 - Eagle Board of Review

Nu-Ooh-Ska

2 - District Picnic, Recruitment Kickoff, 6:00 p.m.
2 - District Recruitment Training, 7:00 p.m.
17 - District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.
30- Key 3, 6:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs
30 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs

Prickly Pear

10 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
10 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
24 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

11 - Roundtable & OA Mtg 7:00 p.m., LDS Church

Silvertip

2 - District Meeting & Roundtables, 6:30 p.m.

Vigilante

4 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Building Butte
4 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., LDS Building Butte

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August 2016

Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	...Grizzly Base Webelos Session 1					
	...Melita Week 5					
			Grizzly Base Webelos Session 2			
7	8 Field Staff Meetings K-M	9 Field Staff Meetings K-M	10 Exec Comm Teleconference	11	12 OA Fun Event	13 OA Fun Event
14 OA Fun Event	15	16	17 District Commissioner Teleconference	18	19 Executive Board Meeting (Tentative)	20 Executive Board Meeting (Tentative) College of Commiss. Science
21	22	23	24 District Training Teleconference	25 Top Hands New Orleans	26 Top Hands New Orleans	27 Top Hands New Orleans
28	29	30	31			

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District Calendars - September 2016

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Badlands

8 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Sidney LDS Bldg

Bitterroot

1 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
6 - Popcorn Training
14 - Eagle Board
29 - District Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Black Otter

6 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
6 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
15 - Popcorn Training
16 thru 17 - Cub Scout Family Camp
27 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo Plains

2 - Key 3
12 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Central

Every Monday - Unit Support Hours, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
15 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
16 thru 18 - Fall Camporee

Hi-Line

1 - Key 3, 1:00 p.m.
8 - Unit Visits Due
8 - Recharter training, 6:15 p.m.
8 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
8 - Popcorn Training, 7:00 p.m.
9 thru 10 - Family Camp & Cub Scout Rendezvous
15 - District Wide Recruitment

Lewis & Clark

6 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
6 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
7 - District Popcorn Training
13 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
13 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m.
15 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
16 thru 18 - Fall Camporee
17 - Fort Benton Cub Scout Rendezvous

Mountain Valley

1 - OA Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center Bozeman
8 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
16 thru 18 - Fall Camporee
19 - Key 4 Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
22 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
24 - Popcorn Safety Training & Popcorn Sale Begins

Mullan Trail

8 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
15 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South
15 - Popcorn Training
21 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.

Northwest

1 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
1 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
1 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
1 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
10 - Eagle Board of Review
16 thru 18 - Hands Across the Boarder

Nu-Ooh-Ska

6 - Unit Visits Due
5 - Recharter Training, 6:00 p.m.
5 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
5 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
5 - Popcorn Training, 7:00 p.m.
9 thru 10 - Fort Benton Rendezvous
13 - District Wide Recruitment
21- District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.
27- Key 3, 6:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs
27 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs

Prickly Pear

14 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
14 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
28 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

1 - Roundtable & OA Mtg 7:00 p.m., LDS Church

Silvertip

6 - District Meeting & Roundtables, 6:30 p.m.

Vigilante

16 thru 18 - District Fall Camporee

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September 2016

Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Executive Committee Teleconference	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 District Commissioner Teleconference	22	23 Fall Fellowship	24 Fall Fellowship Popcorn Sale Begins
25 Fall Fellowship	26	27	28 District Training Teleconference	29	30	

Montana Experience Fly Fishing Event - Ennis, MT

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District Calendars - October 2016

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Badlands

13 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Sidney LDS Bldg

Bitterroot

6 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
7 thru 8 - Bitterroot Rendezvous
12 - Eagle Board
27 - District Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Black Otter

4 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
4 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
8 - Fall Recruitment
14 thru 16 - Fall Camporee
25- District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
25 & 27 - Cub Leader Training
31 - Charter Renewal

Buffalo Plains

7 - Key 3
10 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Central

Every Monday - Unit Support Hours, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
20 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hi-Line

6 - Key 3, 1:00 p.m.
13 - Preliminary Charter Work 6:00 p.m.
13 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
13 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m.
13 - Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
18 - Popcorn orders due
26 - JTE and Recharters due
29 - District Retreat

Lewis & Clark

4 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
4 - Youth Protection Training, 6:00 p.m.
4 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
5 - Re-Charter Support, G.F. College MSU
11 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
11 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m.
20 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
21 thru 23 - JOTA
28 - Recharter Deadline

Mountain Valley

4 - BLAST Training
6 - OA Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center Bozeman
6 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
14 - Fall Recruitment complete
18 - Popcorn Orders Due
27 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mullan Trail

7 - Key 4 Meeting, 12:00 p.m., Perkins
7 thru 9 - Bitterroot Rendezvous
13 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
19 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.
20 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South

Northwest

6 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
6 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
6 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
6 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
8 - Eagle Board of Review

Nu-Ooh-Ska

4 - Preliminary Recharter Work, 6:00 p.m.
4 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
4 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
4 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
18 - Popcorn orders due
19- District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.
24 - JTE and Recharters due
25- Key 3, 6:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs
25 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs
29 - District Retreat

Prickly Pear

12 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
12 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
26 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

6 - Roundtable & OA Mtg 7:00 p.m., LDS Church

Silvertip

4 - District Meeting & Roundtables, 6:30 p.m.

Vigilante

6 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Building Butte
6 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., LDS Building Butte

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October 2016

Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
						1
2	3	4 Popcorn Safety Rosters Due	5	6	7	8
9	10 Staff Meetings Kalispell Columbus Day	11 Staff Meetings Kalispell	12 Executive Committee Teleconference	13	14	15
16 Popcorn Sale Ends	17	18 Popcorn Orders Due	19 District Commissioner Teleconference	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 District Training Teleconference	27	28	29
30	31 Halloween					

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District Calendars - November 2016

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Badlands

10 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Sidney LDS Bldg

Bitterroot

3 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
9 - Eagle Board
24 - District Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Black Otter

1 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
1 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
19 - Construction City
22 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo Plains

4 - Key 3
14 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Central

Every Monday - Unit Support Hours, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
17 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hi-Line

3 - Key 3, 1:00 p.m.
10 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
10 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m.
10 - Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
22 - Popcorn money due

Lewis & Clark

1 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
1 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
8 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
8 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m.
17 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mountain Valley

3 - Charter Renewal Complete
3 - OA Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center Bozeman
3 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
5 - Cub Scout Shooting Sports Day
19 - Key 4 Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
19 - Merit Badge Fair
22 - Popcorn Money Due
24 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mullan Trail

10 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
16 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.
17 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South

Northwest

3 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
3 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
3 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
3 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
12 - Eagle Board of Review

Nu-Ooh-Ska

1 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
1 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
1 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
16 - District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.
19 - Executive Board Meeting
22 - Popcorn money due
29- Key 3, 6:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs
29 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs

Prickly Pear

9 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
9 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
23 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

3 - Roundtable & OA Mtg 7:00 p.m., LDS Church

Silvertip

1 - District Meeting & Roundtables, 6:30 p.m.

Vigilante

3 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Building Butte
3 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., LDS Building Butte
3 - Charter Turn In

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November 2016

Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
		1	2	3 Popcorn Deliveries	4 Popcorn Deliveries	5
6	7	8 Election Day	9 Executive Committee Teleconference	10	11 Veterans Day	12 College of Commissioner Science Executive Board Meeting
13	14	15	16 District Commissioner Teleconference	17	18	19
20	21 Staff Meetings Billings	22 Staff Meetings Billings	23 Popcorn Payment Due District Training Teleconference	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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District Calendars - December 2016

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Badlands

8 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Sidney LDS Bldg

Bitterroot

1 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
14 - Eagle Board
29 - District Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Black Otter

6 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
6 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
27 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo Plains

2 - Key 3
12 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Central

5 & 12 - Unit Support Hours, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
10 - Chariot Race
15 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hi-Line

1 - Key 3, 1:00 p.m.
8 - Unit Visits Due
8 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
8 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m.
8 - Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Lewis & Clark

3 - Chariot Race
6 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
6 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
13 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
13 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m.
15 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mountain Valley

1 - District ICL Kickoff
1 - OA Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center Bozeman
1 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
19 - Key 4 Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
19 - Membership Complete
22 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mullan Trail

8 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
15 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South
21 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.

Northwest

1 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
1 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
1 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
1 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
10 - Eagle Board of Review

Nu-Ooh-Ska

6 - Unit Visits Due
6 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
6 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
6 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
21- District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.
27- Key 3, 6:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs
27 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs

Prickly Pear

14 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
14 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
28 - District Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

1 - Roundtable & OA Mtg 7:00 p.m., LDS Church

Silvertip

6 - District Meeting & Roundtables, 6:30 p.m.

Vigilante

1 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Building Butte
1 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., LDS Building Butte

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December 2016

Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Executive Committee Teleconference	15 Staff Meetings Great Falls	16 Staff Meetings Great Falls	17
18	19	20	21 District Commissioner Teleconference	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28 District Training Teleconference	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

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District Calendars - January 2017

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Badlands

12 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Sidney LDS Bldg

Bitterroot

5 - Roundtable 7:00 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
11 - Eagle Board
26 - District Meeting , 6:15 p.m.
28 - Cub Scout Klondike

Black Otter

3 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
3 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
7- Cub Polar Day
21 - Klondike Derby
24- District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo Plains

6 - Key 3
9 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Central

19 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hi-Line

5 - Key 3, 1:00 p.m.
12 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
12 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m.
12 - Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
14 - Merit Badge College
14 - Indoor Scoutmaster Training, Havre LDS Church

Lewis & Clark

3 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
3 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
10 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
10 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m.
19 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mountain Valley

5 - OA Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center Bozeman
5 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
16 - ICL Begun
19 - Key 4 Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
26 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
27 thru 29 - Winter Camporee

Mullan Trail

12 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
18 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.
19 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South
28 - Cub Scout Klondike

Northwest

5 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
5 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
5 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
5 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
14 - Eagle Board of Review

Nu-Ooh-Ska

3 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
3 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
3 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
14 and 28- Merit Badge College
14 - Scoutmaster Training
18 - District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.
31- Key 3, 6:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs
31 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs

Prickly Pear

11 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
11 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
25 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

5 - Roundtable & OA Mtg 7:00 p.m., LDS Church

Silvertip

3 - District Meeting & Roundtables, 6:30 p.m.

Vigilante

14 - Merit Badge Fair

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January 2017

Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Executive Committee Teleconference	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18 District Commissioner Teleconference	19	20 Officer Retreat Fairmont	21 Officer Retreat Fairmont
22	23	24	25 District Training Teleconference	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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District Calendars - February 2017

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Badlands

9 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Sidney LDS Bldg

Bitterroot

2 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
3 thru 4 - Boy Scout Klondike
8 - Eagle Board
23 - District Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Black Otter

4 - Scouting for Food
7 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
7 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
21 - Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet, 6:00 p.m.
28 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo Plains

3 - Key 3
13 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Central

Every Monday - Unit Support Hours, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
16 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hi-Line

2 - Havre Community Breakfast
2 - Key 3, 1:00 p.m.
9- District Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., LDS Church
9- Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m., LDS Church
9 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
18 - Klondike Derby
18 - Leader Recognition Award Nominations Due

Lewis & Clark

7 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
7 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
14 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
14 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m.
16 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Merit Badge College

Mountain Valley

2 - OA Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center Bozeman
2 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
4 thru 12 - Scout Windows
4 - Scouting for Food
16 - ICL Event
19 - Key 4 Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
23 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mullan Trail

9 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
15 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.
16 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South

Northwest

2 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
2 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
2 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
2 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
11 - Eagle Board of Review

Nu-Ooh-Ska

7 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
7 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
7 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
15 - District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.
16 - Shelby Community Luncheon, 12:00 noon
18 - District Recognition Nominations Due
18 - Klondike Derby
21 - Conrad Community Luncheon, 12:00 noon
23 - Cut Bank Community Luncheon, 12:00 noon
28- Key 3, 6:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs
28 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs

Prickly Pear

8 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
8 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
22 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

2 - Roundtable & OA Mtg 7:00 p.m., LDS Church

Silvertip

7 - District Meeting & Roundtables, 6:30 p.m.

Vigilante

4 - Merit Badge Fair
17 thru 19 - Nome and Back Camporee

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February 2017

Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Executive Committee Meeting	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 District Commissioner Teleconference	16	17	18
19	20 President's Day	21	22 District Training Teleconference	23	24	25
26	27	28 Silver Beaver Nominations Due				

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District Calendars - March 2017

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Badlands

9 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Sidney LDS Bldg

Bitterroot

2 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
8 - Eagle Board
30 - District Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Black Otter

7 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
7- Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
11 & 16 - Cub Leader Training
16 - ICL Breakfast
18 - Scout Show
25- Boy Scout Leader Training
28 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo Plains

3 - Key 3
13 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Central

16 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hi-Line

2 - Key 3, 1:00 p.m.
4 - District Leader Recognition Dinner
9 - Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
9 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m., LDS Church
9 - Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
11 - District Pinewood Derby

Lewis & Clark

3 - District Derby Weigh Ins, 6:30 p.m.
7 - District Derby, 9:00 a.m.
7 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
7 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
14 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
14 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m.
16 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mountain Valley

2 - OA Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center Bozeman
2 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
4 - Museum Scout Day
19 - Key 4 Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
23 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mullan Trail

9 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
15 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.
16 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South

Northwest

2 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
2 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
2 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
2 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
11 - Eagle Board of Review

Nu-Ooh-Ska

4 - District Pinewood Derby
7 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
7 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
7 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
11 - District Dinner, 6:00 p.m.
15 - District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.
28- Key 3, 6:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs
28 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs

Prickly Pear

8 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
8 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
22 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

2 - Roundtable & OA Mtg 7:00 p.m., LDS Church

Silvertip

7 - District Meeting & Roundtables, 6:30 p.m.

Vigilante

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March 2017

Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Executive Committee Teleconference	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 District Commissioner Teleconference Montana Council Day	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20	21	22 District Training Teleconference	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Merit Badge University 5	

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District Calendars - April 2017

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Badlands

13 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Sidney LDS Bldg

Bitterroot

6 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
12 - Eagle Board
14 thru 15 - Spring Camporee & OA Call Out
27 - District Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Black Otter

4 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
4 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
21 thru 22 - Boy Scout Outdoor Training
25 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo Plains

7 - Key 3
10 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Central

20 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hi-Line

6 - Key 3, 1:00 pm.
13 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
13 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m.
13 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church
22 - BALOO and IOLS Training
22 - IOLS Training

Lewis & Clark

4 - Order of the Arrow, 6:00 p.m.
4 - Youth Protection Training, 6:00 p.m.
4 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
11 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
11 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m
15 thru 17 - IOLS
15 - OA Call Out
20 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
21 thru 22 - Trail to First Class

Mountain Valley

6 - OA Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center Bozeman
6 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
8 - BALOO Training
11 - MVD Awards
13 - MVD Celebration
19 - Key 4 Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
27 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
27 - ICL Complete

Mullan Trail

13 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
19 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.
20 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South

Northwest

6 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
6 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
6 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
6 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
8 - Eagle Board of Review

Nu-Ooh-Ska

4 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
4 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
4 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
19 - District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.
22 - BALOO and IOLS Training
25- Key 3, 6:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs
25 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs

Prickly Pear

12 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
12 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
26 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

6 - Roundtable & OA Mtg 7:00 p.m., LDS Church

Silvertip

4 - District Meeting & Roundtables, 6:30 p.m.

Vigilante

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MONTANA COUNCIL

April 2017

Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
						1 Merit Badge University 5
2	3	4	5	6	7 Council Popcorn Training	8 Council Popcorn Training
9	10	11	12 Executive Committee Teleconference	13	14	15
16 Easter	17	18	19 District Commissioner Teleconference	20	21 Conclave	22 Conclave
23 Conclave	24	25	26 District Training Teleconference	27	28 Council Convention Great Falls	29 Council Convention Great Falls
30 Council Convention - GF Bronze/Gold/ Platinum Period Ends						

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District Calendars - May 2017

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Badlands

11 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Sidney LDS Bldg

Bitterroot

4 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
10 - Eagle Board
25 - District Meeting , 6:15 p.m.

Black Otter

2 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
2 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
6 - Day Camp Indoor Training
12 thru 13 - Spring Camporee
23 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo Plains

5 - Key 3
8 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Central

18 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hi-Line

4 - Key 3, 1:00 pm.
11 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
11 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m.
11 - Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
12 thru 14 - Spring Camporee

Lewis & Clark

1 - District Recognition Dinner
2 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
2 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
5 - Cub Scout Day Camp
9 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
9 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m.
18 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
19 thru 21 - Spring Camporee
27 - Commissioners Training, 10:00 a.m.

Mountain Valley

4 - OA Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center Bozeman
4 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
19 - Key 4 Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
19 thru 21 - Spring Camporee
19 - Spring Recruitment Completed
25 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mullan Trail

11 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
17 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.
18 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South

Northwest

4 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
4 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
4 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
4 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
13 - Eagle Board of Review

Nu-Ooh-Ska

2 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
2 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
2 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
12 thru 14 - Spring Camporee
17- District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.
30- Key 3, 6:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs
30 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs

Prickly Pear

10 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
10 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
24 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

4 - Roundtable & OA Mtg 7:00 p.m., LDS Church

Silvertip

2 - District Meeting & Roundtables, 6:30 p.m.

Vigilante

12 thru 14 - Spring Camporee

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MONTANA COUNCIL

May 2017

Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Executive Committee Teleconference	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15 Grand Slam...	16	17 District Commissioner Teleconference	18	19	20
21 ...Grand Slam	22	23	24 District Training Teleconference National Annual Meeting	25 National Annual Meeting	26 National Annual Meeting	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

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District Calendars - June 2017

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Badlands

8 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Sidney LDS Bldg
15 - District Committee

Bitterroot

1 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
14 - Eagle Board
29 - District Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Black Otter

6 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
6 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
12 thru 17 - Cub Day Camp
27 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo Plains

2 - Key 3
12 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Central

10 - Cub Day Camp
15 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hi-Line

1 - Key 3, 1:00 p.m.
10 - Cub Scout Day Camp

Lewis & Clark

6 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
6 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
12 thru 13 - Webelos Rendezvous
13 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
13 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m.
15 thru 17 - Cub Day Camp
15 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mountain Valley

1 - OA Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center Bozeman
1 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
9 thru 10 - Cub Day Camp
19 - Key 4 Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
22 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mullan Trail

8 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
15 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South
21 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.

Northwest

1 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
1 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
1 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
1 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
10 - Eagle Board of Review

Nu-Ooh-Ska

3 - Cub Day Camp
21 - District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.

Prickly Pear

14 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
14 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
28 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

1 - Roundtable & OA Mtg 7:00 p.m., LDS Church
15 - District Committee Recharter

Silvertip

6 - District Meeting & Roundtables, 6:30 p.m.

Vigilante

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MONTANA COUNCIL

June 2017

Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Ordeal @ K-M	10 Ordeal @ K-M
11 Ordeal @ K-M	12	13	14 Executive Committee Teleconference Flag Day	15	16 Ordeal @ Melita	17 Ordeal @ Melita
18 Ordeal @ Melita Father's Day	19	20	21 District Commissioner Teleconference	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 District Training Teleconference	29	30 ICL Ends	

MOHAB , Level 2, Session 1

MOHAB , Level 1, Week 1

Melita BSA Lifeguard Week

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District Calendars - July 2017

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Badlands

Bitterroot

6 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
12 - Eagle Board
27 - District Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Black Otter

Buffalo Plains

7 - Key 3
10 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Central

20 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hi-Line

6 - Key 3, 1:00 p.m.

Lewis & Clark

4 - 4th of July Parade
11 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
11 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m.
20 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mountain Valley

6 - OA Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center Bozeman
6 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
19 - Key 3 Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
27 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mullan Trail

13 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
19 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.
20 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South

Northwest

6 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
6 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
6 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
6 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
8 - Eagle Board of Review

Nu-Ooh-Ska

19 - District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.

Prickly Pear

12 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
12 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
26 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

Silvertip

4 - District Meeting & Roundtables, 6:30 p.m.

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July 2017

Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
						1 MOHAB L2 S1 MOHAB L1 W1
2 MOHAB L1 W1 MOHAB Level 2, Session 1 MOHAB Level 1, Week 2 K-M and Melita Staff Week	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9 MOHAB L2 S1 MOHAB L1 W2 MOHAB Level 2, Session 2 MOHAB Level 1 Week 3 K-M and Melita Week 1	10	11	12 Exec Comm Tele	13	14	15
16 MOHAB L1 W3 MOHAB L2 S2 MOHAB Level 1, Week 4 K-M and Melita Week 2	17	18	19 District Comm Tele	20	21	22
23 MOHAB L2 S2 MOHAB L1 W4 K-M and Melita Week 3	24	25	26 Dist Train Tele	27	28	29
30 Melita Week 4 K-M Webelos Session 1 Griz Base Staff Week	31					

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District Calendars - August 2017

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Badlands

10 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Sidney LDS Bldg

Bitterroot

3 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
9 - Eagle Board
31 - District Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Black Otter

1 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
1 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
8 - Cub Scout Fall Recruitment
22 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo Plains

4 - Key 3
14 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Central

17 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hi-Line

3- Key 3, 1:00 p.m.
10 - District Picnic, 6:00 p.m.
10 - District Recruitment Training 7:00 p.m.

Lewis & Clark

1 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
1 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
8 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
8 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m.
17 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
28 - Scout Night at Voyagers Stadium

Mountain Valley

3 - Program Preview
3 - OA Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center Bozeman
3 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
19 - Fall Recruitment Begun
24 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mullan Trail

10 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
16 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.
17 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South

Northwest

3 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
3 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
3 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
3 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
12 - Eagle Board of Review

Nu-Ooh-Ska

1 - District Picnic, Recruitment Kickoff, 6:00 p.m.
1 - District Recruitment Training, 7:00 p.m.
16 - District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.
29- Key 3, 6:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs
29 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs

Prickly Pear

9 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
9 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
23 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

10 - Roundtable & OA Mtg 7:00 p.m., LDS Church

Silvertip

1 - District Meeting & Roundtables, 6:30 p.m.

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August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		...K-M Webelos Session 1				
		...Melita Week 4				
		Griz Base Staff Week				
			K-M Webelos Session 2			
6	7	8	9 Exec Comm Teleconference	10	11 OA Fun Event	12 OA Fun Event
Grizzly Base Webelos Session 1				Akela Land Cub Camp		
			Grizzly Base Webelos Session 2			
Melita Week 5						
13 OA Fun Event	14	15	16 District Commissioner Teleconference	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 District Training Teleconference	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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District Calendars - September 2017

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Badlands

14 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Sidney LDS Bldg

Bitterroot

7 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
13 - Eagle Board
28 - District Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Black Otter

5 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
5 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
14 - Popcorn Training
15 thru 16 - Cub Scout Family Camp
26 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo Plains

1 - Key 3
11 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Central

15 thru 17 - Fall Camporee
21 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hi-Line

7 - Key 3, 1:00 p.m.
8 thru 9 - Family Camp & Cub Scout Rendezvous
14 - Recharter training, 6:00 p.m.
14 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
14 - Eagle Board of Review, 6:30 p.m.
14 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Lewis & Clark

5 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
5 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
12 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
12 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m.
15 thru 17 - Fall Camporee
19 - Fort Benton Cub Scout Rendezvous
21 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mountain Valley

7 - OA Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center Bozeman
7 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
15 thru 17 - Fall Camporee
19 - Key 4 Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
28 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mullan Trail

14 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
20 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.
21 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South

Northwest

7 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
7 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
7 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
7 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
9 - Eagle Board of Review

Nu-Ooh-Ska

5 - Recharter Training, 6:00 p.m.
5 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
5 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
5 - Popcorn Training, 7:00 p.m.
8 thru 9 - Fort Benton Rendezvous
12 - District Wide Recruitment
20- District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.
26- Key 3, 6:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs
26 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs

Prickly Pear

13 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
13 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
27 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

7 - Roundtable & OA Mtg 7:00 p.m., LDS Church

Silvertip

5 - District Meeting & Roundtables, 6:30 p.m.

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15 thru 17 - Fall Camporee

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September 2017

Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Executive Committee Teleconference	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 District Commissioner Teleconference	21	22 Fall Fellowship	23 Fall Fellowship
24 Fall Fellowship	25	26	27 District Training Teleconference	28	29	30

Norman McLean—Montana Experience

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District Calendars - October 2017

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Badlands

12 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Sidney LDS Bldg

Bitterroot

5 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
11 - Eagle Board
13 thru 14 - Bitterroot Rendezvous
26 - District Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Black Otter

3 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
3 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
6 thru 7 - Fall Camporee
24 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo Plains

6 - Key 3
9 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Nemont

Central

19 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hi-Line

5 - Key 3, 1:00 p.m.
12 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
12 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m.
12 - Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
25 - JTE and Recharters due
28 - District Retreat

Lewis & Clark

3 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
3 - Youth Protection Training, 6:00 p.m.
3 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
5 - Re-Charter Support, G.F. College MSU
10 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
10 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m.
16 thru 18 - JOTA
19 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
24 - Cub Scout Shooting Sports Activity
28 - Recharter Deadline

Mountain Valley

5 - OA Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center Bozeman
5 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
13 - Fall Recruitment complete
15 - Popcorn Sale Ends
26 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mullan Trail

4- Key 4 Meeting, 12:00 p.m., Perkins
12 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
18 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.
19 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South

Northwest

5 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
5 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
5 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
5 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
14 - Eagle Board of Review

Nu-Ooh-Ska

3 - Preliminary Recharter Work, 6:00 p.m.
3 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
3 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
17 - Popcorn orders due
18 - District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.
23 - JTE and Recharters due
28 - District Retreat
31- Key 3, 6:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs
31 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs

Prickly Pear

11 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
11 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
25 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

5 - Roundtable & OA Mtg 7:00 p.m., LDS Church

Silvertip

3 - District Meeting & Roundtables, 6:30 p.m.

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October 2017

Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11 Executive Committee Teleconference	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 District Commissioner Teleconference	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 District Training Teleconference	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween				

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District Calendars - November 2017

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Badlands

9 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Sidney LDS Bldg

Bitterroot

2 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
8 - Eagle Board
30 - District Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Black Otter

7 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
7 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
18 - Construction City
28 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo Plains

3 - Key 3
13 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Central

16 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hi-Line

2 - Key 3, 1:00 p.m.
9 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
9 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m.
9 - Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Lewis & Clark

7 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
7 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
14 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
14 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m.
16 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mountain Valley

2 - Charter Renewal Complete
2 - OA Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center Bozeman
2 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
4 - Cub Scout Shooting Sports Day
19 - Key 3 Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
21 - Merit Badge Fair
23 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
28 - Popcorn Money Due

Mullan Trail

9 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
15 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.
16 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South

Northwest

2 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
2 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
2 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
2 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
11 - Eagle Board of Review

Nu-Ooh-Ska

7 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
7 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
7 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
15 - District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.
18 - Executive Board Meeting
28 - Popcorn money due
28- Key 3, 6:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs
28 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ring Side Ribs

Prickly Pear

8 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
8 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
22 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

2 - Roundtable & OA Mtg 7:00 p.m., LDS Church

Silvertip

7 - District Meeting & Roundtables, 6:30 p.m.

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November 2017

Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Executive Committee Teleconference	9	10	11 Veterans Day
12	13	14	15 District Commissioner Teleconference	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Popcorn Payment Due District Training Teleconference	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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District Calendars - December 2017

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Badlands

14 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Sidney LDS Bldg

Bitterroot

7 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Corvallis LDS Church
13 - Eagle Board
28 - District Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Black Otter

5 - District Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
5 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
26 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo Plains

1 - Key 3
11 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Central

9 - Chariot Race
21 - Roundtable, 6:30 pm., District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hi-Line

7 - Key 3, 1:00 p.m.
14 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
14 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m.
14 - Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Lewis & Clark

2 - Chariot Race
5 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
5 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
12 - District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m.
12 - Eagle Board, 7:00 p.m.
21 - Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mountain Valley

7 - District ICL Kickoff
7 - OA Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center Bozeman
7 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m.
18 - Membership Complete
19 - Key 4 Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
28 - District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mullan Trail

14 - District Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
20 - Eagle Board, 6:00 p.m.
21 - Round Table, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church on South

Northwest

7 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
7 - District Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
7 - Order of the Arrow Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
7 - Roundtable, 6:45 p.m.
9 - Eagle Board of Review

Nu-Ooh-Ska

5 - Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
5 - Eagle Board, 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church
5 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
20- District Commissioner Teleconference, 6:00 p.m.

Prickly Pear

13 - District Commissioners Mtg, 6:30 p.m., CRA
13 - Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., CRA Cafeteria
27 - District Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., LDS Center

Shortgrass

7 - Roundtable & OA Mtg 7:00 p.m., LDS Church

Silvertip

5 - District Meeting & Roundtables, 6:30 p.m.

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December 2017

Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Executive Committee Teleconference	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 District Commissioner Teleconference	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27 District Training Teleconference	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve						

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2016 Convention Highlights

2017 Annual Convention

Education, Fellowship, Food and Fun with other Scouters in Montana

A Great Time for a Great Cause

Mark your calendar for April 28-30th in Helena, Montana. Come and see exactly why the Montana Council is considered one of the best councils in the nation. Bring your fellow scouters, friends and family for a great weekend! All events take place at the Best Western Great Northern Hotel and Carroll College. We have a room rate of $135 plus tax reserved for Scouters at the Great Norther (406-457-5500). Register now as rooms go quickly!

Friday, April 28th

Board Meeting

6th Annual Scouter Appreciation Night.

This event is hosted annually to recognize outstanding District performance and reward all the efforts of our volunteers across the state. Something for every level of volunteer. Come and have a great time and allow the council to say "thank you" for all you do. The theme of this year's event is **TBD by the Prickly Pear District** and will be announced soon. So feel free represent your spirit as a District. Fun and Games! The event will be followed by a Team 315 (Montana Council) reception and party!

Saturday, April 29th

Leadership Breakfast/Opening Ceremonies (All invited)

Training Breakouts (Something for everyone)

Awards Luncheon

Seminar Breakouts (Something for everyone)

President's Reception

Silver Beaver Reception and Dinner

Sunday, April 30th

Departure Breakfast (All invited)

All Scouters are welcome to the Annual Convention. Learn about Scouting at all levels and how your District and Council continue to improve operations and make scouting better for all involved.

A Big Time in Big Sky!

K-M Scout Ranch

K-M Scout Ranch is located on nearly 800 acres near Lewistown, Montana, and includes the only ghost town owned by the BSA in the Country! Come experience the most dynamic staff and all-inclusive camping opportunity in Montana. Spend the night in Kendall on the "Ghost Camp!" Get involved in all the high adventure including high and low ropes courses, new climbing tower, zip– line, rock climbing and new ATV program. In addition, K-M offers Missouri river canoe treks and backcountry exploration and backpacking. These programs are designed to engage skills in leadership, communication, trust, teamwork, problem solving, decision making and self-esteem. With programs including STEM, Fine Arts, Shooting Sports, Climbing, Aquatics, and more, we have something for everyone to enjoy!

Mailing Address: Box 822, Hilger, MT 59451

Melita Island

Located on the world famous and scenic waters of Flathead Lake in North-Western Montana, Melita Island has been a camping destination for Scouters for nearly 70 years! Melita Island is rich in history and is surrounded by breathtaking views. Only accessible by boat, it provides for a truly unique camping opportunity and will create a memorable experience in the great outdoors. The island provides extensive aquatic opportunities for your unit. With two separate waterfront areas to encourage safety, campers can try canoeing, motor-boating, rowing, kayaking, windsurfing, paddleboarding and sailing on the boating side. Over in the swimming area they can experience swimming, lifesaving and snorkeling. Scouts can make their way towards Eagle by engaging in merit badges offered in outdoor skills, nature, first aid, scoutcraft and shooting sports. Advanced campers will have an opportunity to participate in the Advanced Camper Experience or ACE. The program exists to give older scouts and opportunity to use skills in a high adventure setting, such as white water rafting, hiking and sailing.. For more information, contact the Montana Council office.

Mailing Address: Camp Melita Island, General Delivery, Big Arm, MT 59910

Montana Outdoor High Adventure Base (MOHAB)

Located at the Rasmuson Wildlife Conservation center on the Boone & Crockett Club's Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch near Depuyer, Montana, MOHAB offers a World-Class high adventure opportunity. The headquarters building sits on a 6,000 acre working cattle ranch in the foothills of the spectacular Rocky Mountain Front. MOHAB is a nationally accredited Boy Scouts of America High Adventure Base with 10 times as much room to roam as Philmont. MOHAB is open for Boy Scout troops and venturing crews as well as their adult leaders. MOHAB offers participants basecamp training and hands on experiences that will provide them with the opportunity to safely lead themselves on their own wilderness expedition Experience a back-country trek through the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex and experience, fly-fishing, shooting sports, conservation projects and training by MOHAB's staff and expert guest instructors. The Call the Montana Council to setup an adventure at MOHAB individually catered to the needs and experience of your unit. Customize the experience, just for you and your unit. Work on merit badges, skills development and even the extremely rare Hornady Award. For more information or to book an adventure, call the Montana Council office. Space is limited.

Mailing Address: Rasmuson Wildlife Conservation Center, PO Box 230, Depuyer, MT 59422

Grizzly Base Camp

Grizzly Base Camp offers itself as a gateway to wilderness exploration. Within 75 miles of camp you can find the Flathead and Lolo National Forests, Bob Marshall and Mission Mountain Wilderness areas, and Glacier National Park, just to name a few. Grizzly Base will host a Webelos resident camp this summer as well as Wood Badge and NYLT. Improvements continue and the Shower facility has recently been updated with an on-demand hot-water system. Use the Base as a steady camp, or as a jumping off point for wilderness exploration, we are glad to help you with either one. For more information, please contact the Montana Council office.

Mailing Address: 200 Grizzly Base Ln, Bigfork, MT 59911

Camp Arcola

Camp Arcola, near Anaconda and next to the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness Area, and Mount Haggin continues to be a haven for those units that have mastered the basics. A high-adventure wonderland can be reserved by Troops and Crews looking for a place to get away from it all. Perhaps you need a facility to work on some unit skills, or you are looking to head into the backcountry and all that Montana has to offer, either way, Arcola can provide. Improvements to Arcola include a nearly complete , state of the art, handicap accessible shower facility as well as infrastructure improvements. Contact the Montana Council for more information about staying at Camp Arcola.

Mailing Address: PO Box 112, Wise River, MT 59762

Webelos Resident Camp

Webelos resident camp is a great way for Webelos to begin experiencing camping at a Montana Council Camp. Each summer at the end of the regular camping season, Grizzly Base Camp and K-M Scout Ranch offer Webelos resident camp sessions. Boys and their leaders gather from across the state to get their first taste of Scout Camp as well as work on Webelos Activity Pins under the tutelage of seasoned camp staff. Meals are provided as well as an exciting campfire program. Swimming, BB Guns, Campcraft, and Nature programs are all available. For more information, contact the Council office and check out Grizzly Base and K-M Scout Ranch.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Each year, districts across Montana Council offer Cub Scout Day Camp. Depending upon the district, Day Camp ranges from a single afternoon to several days of fun activities for Cub Scouts. The Leaders who organize District Cub Day Camp have been National Camp School Trained and each offers a quality program. For more information on your District's Cub Day Camp please contact your District Executive who's name is listed on the contact information in this booklet.

What Must I do to be Considered Trained?

Adult leaders are considered trained and eligible to wear the official *Trained* emblem recognition once they have completed the courses listed below for their registered position. If a person is registered in more than one position, he or she would need to complete all courses required for each position to be considered trained in all of their positions. It is possible for someone to be "trained" in one position, but not another. Most if not all training can be accessed online through www.myscouting.org and through your local District. Additional information can be accessed through www.montanabsa.org,Training tab.

BASIC TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS

UNIT TYPE	POSITION	REQUIRED COURSES TO BE POSITION TRAINED
PACK	**CUBMASTER (CM)**	CUBMASTER & ASSISTANT POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	ASSISTANT CUBMASTER (CA)	CUBMASTER & ASSISTANT POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	PACK CHAIRMAN (CC)	PACK COMMITTEE MEMBER POSITION SPECIFICS TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	PACK COMMITTEE (MC)	PACK COMMITTEE MEMBER POSITION SPECIFICS TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	TIGER CUB DEN LEADER (TL)	TIGER CUB DEN LEADER POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	CUB SCOUT DEN LEADER (DL)	CUB SCOUT DEN LEADER & ASSISTANT POSITION SPECIFICS TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	CUB SCOUT ASSISTANT DEN LEADER (DA)	CUB SCOUT DEN LEADER & ASSISTANT POSITION SPECIFICS TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	WEBELOS DEN LEADER (WL)	WEBELOS LEADER & ASSISTANT POSITION SPECIFICS TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	WEBELOS ASSISTANT DEN LEADER (WA)	WEBELOS LEADER & ASSISTANT POSITION SPECIFICS TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	PACK TRAINER (PT)	PACK TRAINER POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	SCOUTPARENT UNIT COORDINATOR (PC)	SCOUTPARENTS UNIT COORDINATOR FAST START + PACK COMMITTEE MEMBER POSITION SPECIFICS TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
UNIT TYPE	**POSITION**	**REQUIRED COURSES TO BE POSITION TRAINED**
TROOP	**SCOUTMASTER (SM)**	INTRO TO OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS +SCOUTMASTER & ASST. SCOUTMASTER SPECIFIC TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER (SA)	INTRO TO OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS +SCOUTMASTER & ASST. SCOUTMASTER SPECIFIC TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	LEADER OF 11-YEAR OLD SCOUTS (10)	INTRO TO OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS +SCOUTMASTER & ASST. SCOUTMASTER SPECIFIC TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	TROOP CHAIRMAN (CC)	TROOP COMMITTEE CHALLENGE + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	TROOP COMMITTEE (MC)	TROOP COMMITTEE CHALLENGE + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	SCOUTPARENT UNIT COORDINATOR (PC)	SCOUTPARENTS UNIT COORDINATOR FAST START + TROOP COMMITTEE CHALLENGE + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
UNIT TYPE	**POSITION**	**REQUIRED COURSES TO BE POSITION TRAINED**
TEAM	**VARSITY TEAM COACH (VC)**	INTRO TO OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS +VARSITY COACH LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	ASSISTANT VARSITY COACH (VA)	INTRO TO OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS +VARSITY COACH LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	TEAM CHAIRMAN (CC)	VARSITY COACH LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	TEAM COMMITTEE (MC)	VARSITY COACH LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	SCOUTPARENT UNIT COORDINATOR (PC)	SCOUTPARENTS UNIT COORDINATOR FAST START + VARSITY COACH LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING + YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
UNIT TYPE	**POSITION**	**REQUIRED COURSES TO BE POSITION TRAINED**
CREW	**VENTURING CREW ADVISOR (NL)**	VENTURING LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING + VENTURING YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	VENTURING CREW ASSOC. ADVISOR (NA)	VENTURING LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING + VENTURING YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	CREW CHAIRMAN (CC)	VENTURING LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING + VENTURING YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	CREW COMMITTEE (MC)	VENTURING LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING + VENTURING YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	SCOUTPARENT UNIT COORDINATOR (PC)	SCOUTPARENTS UNIT COORDINATOR FAST START + VENTURING LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING + VENTURING YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
UNIT TYPE	**POSITION**	**REQUIRED COURSES TO BE POSITION TRAINED**
SHIP	**SKIPPER (SK)**	SEA SCOUT ADULT LEADER BASIC TRAINING + VENTURING YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	MATE (MT)	SEA SCOUT ADULT LEADER BASIC TRAINING + VENTURING YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	SHIP CHAIRMAN (CC)	SEA SCOUT ADULT LEADER BASIC TRAINING + VENTURING YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	SHIP COMMITTEE (MC)	SEA SCOUT ADULT LEADER BASIC TRAINING + VENTURING YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	SCOUTPARENT UNIT COORDINATOR (PC)	SCOUTPARENTS UNIT COORDINATOR FAST START + SEA SCOUT ADULT LEADER BASIC TRAINING + VENTURING YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
UNIT TYPE	**POSITION**	**REQUIRED COURSES TO BE POSITION TRAINED**
POST	**EXPLORER ADVISOR (EA)**	EXPLORER LEADER ADULT BASIC TRAINING + EXPLORING YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	EXPLORER ASSOC. ADVISOR (AA)	EXPLORER LEADER ADULT BASIC TRAINING + EXPLORING YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	POST CHAIRMAN (PCC)	EXPLORER LEADER ADULT BASIC TRAINING + EXPLORING YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
	POST COMMITTEE (PMC)	EXPLORER LEADER ADULT BASIC TRAINING + EXPLORING YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

What Must I do to be Considered Trained? (cont.)

Supplemental and Advanced Training for Adults

CUB SCOUTING

- Cub Casts (OLC)
- B.A.L.O.O. (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) [5]
- Weather Hazards (OLC) [2, 6]
- Roundtables
- Philmont Leadership Challenge
- Philmont Training Center (various courses)
- Pow Wows/University of Scouting
- Wood Badge
- Supplemental Training Modules
- ScoutParent Unit Coordinator (OLC)
- The Trainer's EDGE
- Safe Swim Defense [2, 7]
- Safety Afloat [2, 8]
- Physical Wellness

BOY & VARSITY SCOUTING

- Powder Horn
- Weather Hazards (OLC) [2, 6]
- Roundtables
- Philmont Leadership Challenge
- Philmont Training Center (various courses)
- Wood Badge
- Supplemental Training Modules
- ScoutParent Unit Coordinator (OLC)
- The Trainer's EDGE
- Safe Swim Defense [2, 7]
- Safety Afloat [2, 8]
- Trek Safely
- Climb On Safely [2, 9]
- Physical Wellness

VENTURING & SEA SCOUTING

- Powder Horn
- Weather Hazards (OLC) [2, 6]
- Roundtables
- Program Forums
- Philmont Leadership Challenge
- Philmont Training Center (various courses)
- Wood Badge
- ScoutParent Unit Coordinator (OLC)
- Supplemental Training Modules
- The Trainer's EDGE
- Seabadge
- Seabadge Underway
- Safe Swim Defense [2, 7]
- Safety Afloat [2, 8]
- Physical Wellness
- Trek Safely
- Climb On Safely [2, 9]

Training Opportunities for Youth

CUB SCOUTING

- It Happened To Me

BOY & VARSITY SCOUTING

- Troop Leader Training
- Den Chief Training (OLC)
- National Youth Leadership Training-NYLT
- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience-NAYLE
- Kodiak
- A Time To Tell

VENTURING & SEA SCOUTING

- Venturing Leadership Skills Course
- Kodiak
- Kodiak X
- Venturing Crew Officers Orientation (OLC)
- Youth Protection Training (OLC)
- National Youth Leadership Training-NYLT
- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience-NAYLE
- SEAL (Sea Scouts Only)
- Safety at Sea (Sea Scouts Only)
- Personal Safety Awareness

OLC Online Learning Center at www.scouting.org/Training

1. For Crews with outdoor programs only.
2. Valid for two years from date of completion.
3. At least one registered adult must be present and current with this course for each meeting or outing (tour) for Cub, Boy and Varsity Scouting.
4. At least one registered adult must be present and current with this course for each meeting or outing (tour) for Venture and Sea Scouting
5. At least one registered adult must be present and current with this course for all Pack camping trips (except District and Council activities).
6. At least one registered adult who is current with this course must be present for all outdoor experiences (except District and Council activities).
7. At least one registered adult must be present and current with this course for each meeting or outing (tour) for Venture and Sea Scouting
8. At least one registered adult must be present and current with this course for all Pack camping trips (except District and Council activities).
9. At least one registered adult who is current with this course must be present for all outdoor experiences (except District and Council activities).

Basic Adult Leader Training

In addition to training offered through Scouting.org Online Learning Center (www.myscouting.org), training is offered through your local District/Council as a group training, small group training, or personal coaching.

Youth Protection Training

Should be taken immediately.

Required for all registered adults.

Recommended for all parents of youth.

Teaches do's and don'ts of working with youth.

Offered by the District/Council as group training, small group training, or personal coaching.

Position-Specific Training

Hands on training in how to run meetings and work with youth.

Based upon leader's position.

- Cub Scout leaders, assistants, pack committee, and pack trainers.
- Boy Scout leaders and assistants.
- Varsity Coaches and assistants.
- Venturing Crew leaders and assistants.

Offered by the District/Council as group training, small group training, or personal coaching.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

Teaches Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters and Varsity Coaches basic outdoor leader skills.

Offered by the District/Council as hands on training.

A direct-contact Scout leader is considered fully trained and entitled to wear the Trained leader emblem when he or she has completed the above-mentioned training courses.

Training dates and times vary through each District.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

A one-day training event, presented by the Council, that introduces Cub Scout leaders and parents to the skills needed to plan and conduct pack outdoor activities, particularly pack camping.

Required for Pack family camping.

Offered by an approved District or Council as group training and is hands on training.

BALOO will be offered as needed within Districts. Please contact your DE for more information.

Cub Scout Pow-Wow

Pow-wow is an adult training designed to give Cub Scout leaders hands on experience to add pizzazz to their Den meetings. Pow-wow often cover such topics as: crafting with Cub Scouts, Games, Sports and Academics, Blue and Gold Dinners, Skits, Songs, and Advancement among others. Presenters typically are other Cub Scout leaders with extensive knowledge of their topic.

Montana Council is once again having Pow-wows in various parts of the state. Please contact your DE for information in your area.

We are currently looking for dynamic Cub Scout leaders to organize Pow-wow in their districts. Interested Cub Scout leaders should contact Montana Council Vice-president of Cub Scouting Kerry Ketchum at burkhart.ketchum@gmail.com for information and help organizing a Pow-wow in your District.

Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders

Designed specifically for Webelos den leaders and their assistants.

Teaches outdoor-related skills and activity badge instruction through demonstration and hands-on practice.

Webelos den leaders are expected to attend the training before conducting Webelos overnight camping with the boys and parents of the den.

Offered by an approved District or Council as group training and is hands on training.

The Trainer's EDGE

The required train-the trainer course for Wood Badge, NYLT staffs, and District Training teams.

Supplements the practice offered through Wood Badge and NYLT staff development.

Offered through Council.

Training dates and times vary through each District.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

What is National Youth Leadership Training:

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. It is the youth equivalent of Wood Badge.

NYLT has been conducted annually in the council since 1981. The course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Qwest for the Meaning of Leadership.

NYLT is a week long course. Two course locations will be offered in 2017. One in the East and one in the West. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skill and confidence to put into action the best Scouting has to offer.

The focus at NYLT is on the leadership skills and providing an opportunity to use and strengthen those skills at the unit level. Participants must have achieved the rank of First Class or higher prior to attending, 13 years or older, recommended by their Scoutmaster, and currently serving in a leadership position or have the skills and abilities to do so in the future. These include the positions of Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster and all Crew Officers to just name a few.

Course Information:

Course Fee is $250 paid prior to May 15, 2017. After May 15, 2017, the course fee is $275.00.

$75 deposit is to be submitted with registration form. Cancellations after May 15, 2017 will not be refunded $75 deposit.

The course size is limited; register as soon as you can to insure a position in the course.

Attendance is required for all days of the training in order to complete.

Dates: Sunday, June 18 – Saturday, June 24, 2017.

Locations: East Course: K-M, near Lewistown, Montana.

West Course: Grizzly Base, near Bigfork, Montana.

Further information will be provided upon receipt of your registration form and initial deposit to the unit's Scoutmaster.

For more information or to register online visit:

www.montanabsa.org

Wood Badge Training

What is Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is a value based leadership course that strengthens team-building skills in order to serve local units. The course will allow adult participants to apply contemporary leadership concepts in your Scouting position, your employment, and in your daily life within your community. Revitalize your commitment to Scouting by sharing in an inspirational experience that helps provide Scouting with relevance to our values-based movement.

Who should participate?

The course is designed for Cub Scout Leaders, Boy Scout Leaders, Venture Advisors, Varsity Coaches, District and Council Representation, Chartered Organization Representatives, and Professional Scouters. The course focus is on leadership, not just outdoor skills.

Course Information:

Course Fee is $275.

$100 non-refundable deposit with registration form prior to December 1, 2015.

$100 is due February 1, 2017 (initial application after February 1, 2017 must include $200 payment, $100 is non-refundable).

$100 is due March 1, 2017 (initial application after March 1, 2017 must include $300, $100 is non-refundable, no Investment in Character and Leadership (FOS) deduction).

The course size is limited (48 participants); register as soon as you can to insure a position in the course.

Attendance is required for all days of the training in order to complete practical application.

Dates: May 11th - 13th, 2017 (Session 1) and June 1st - 2nd, 2017 (Session 2) Participants must attend both sessions.

Location: K-M, near Lewistown, Montana.

Session 1 consists of two 3 days sessions (total of 6 days) being led in classroom setting and hands on training in an indoor/ outdoor environment modeled upon the Boy Scout troop and patrol methods.

Session 2 consists of the participant "working their ticket", a set of goals that is established to benefit the participant and unit. The ticket items must be complete within 18 months after June 2nd, 2017.

Further information will be provided upon receipt of your registration form and initial deposit.

Prerequisites:

Registered adult or youth member (18+ and active in a Venturing Crew) of the Boy Scouts of America – registration must not expire prior to September 1, 2017.

Training completed for the following; Youth Protection, and Position-Specific Training.

Expected to be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor setting and required to have current BSA Health and Medical Record; Parts A, B, and C (available at www.scouting.org).

For more information or to register online visit:

www.montanabsa.org

2017 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

July 19-28, 2017

STAFF AND ATTENDEE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Experience the best of Scouting in one place. From stadium shows to merit badges, patch trading to adventure sports, you'll want to be at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in 2017.

For more information and to sign up, visit

BSAJAMBOREE.ORG

Council Popcorn Sale

Wouldn't you love being able to tell parents and Scouts "We do one fundraiser and it pays for our entire year of Scouting"?

You can - with Popcorn!!

In 2016, the Montana Council once again sold nearly $2 million worth of popcorn. That sale resulted in over $610,000 in Unit coffers and another $230,000 worth of scout bucks, gift cards, patches, and other prizes to individual scouts!

Popcorn is by far the easiest way to fund your year of Scouting. Consider:

- There are no up-front costs; product is paid for after delivery.
- Trail's-End maintains an easy on-line system for placing orders.
- All marketing materials are provided to the unit free of cost.
- Training for unit popcorn kernels is presented in each District each fall.
- District Popcorn Kernels meet each April to plan that year's sale and receive training. If you are interested in being a District Popcorn Kernel please talk to your District Executive.

How to Have a Successful Popcorn Sale

1. Attend your District Training.
2. Set a goal.
3. Conduct popcorn safety training with your Scouts.
4. Have an exciting, motivating popcorn kick-off.
5. Use extra incentives on a weekly basis to encourage all Scouts to Do Their Best.
6. Place your order on-line and on-time.
7. Pick up your Unit's popcorn from the district delivery site. Make sure to have enough vehicles to carry your entire order.
8. Get the popcorn to your Scouts as soon as possible so they can deliver it.
9. Collect payment from your Scouts and submit your Unit payment and prize order form on time.

Kick back and enjoy knowing fundraising is done for the whole year!!

PS. Any extra product you may have can be used as recognition for Scouts, families, Leaders, or as a thank you to news outlets, schools, teachers, or sponsoring Organizations.

Montana Council Scouts sell popcorn better than ANYONE ELSE!!

Watch for District Popcorn training in the fall. See calendar for other popcorn related scheduled dates.

Planning and Funding an Ideal Year of Scouting

PROGRAM PLANNING STEPS

APRIL
- Conduct a brainstorming session with Scouts for program ideas for the following year
- Hand out program survey to parents with ideas for the following year
- Unit recruits a fundraising Chair and committee

MAY
- Unit committee meets to put together program ideas that are feasible based on brainstorming and parent survey input
- Allow youth to vote for favorite program ideas during unit meeting

JUNE
- Unit committee meets to put together program calendar
- Unit committee also completes a budget for the program year based on activities from the calendar

JULY
- Budget is finalized
- Unit committee begins to fill parent volunteer roles responsible for executing the new program activities

AUGUST
- COMMUNICATE the program calendar and budget to your current families
- COMMUNICATE the need to set a personal goal for each Scout to your families
- Prepare parents and unit leadership for the popcorn sale

SEPTEMBER (Sale Begins!)
- Fundraising chair and assistant attend district popcorn kickoff and training
- Conduct exciting, fun and informative kickoff with all youth and parents
- Fundraising chair communicates with families and unit leaders strategies to be successful as well as encouragement to continue to sell
- Publicize unit program calendar, budget and fundraiser expectations to new families recruited

OCTOBER (Sale Ends!)
- Fundraising chair continues to communicate and motivate through the end of the sale
- Provide instant recognition for top sellers in the unit
- Fundraising chair closes out fundraiser by collecting all order forms and placing unit order online

NOVEMBER (Delivery!)
- Fundraising chair collects all monies received for product ordered
- Payment sent to the council office
- Unit committee reevaluates plan based on expected commission to make sure activities are funded or if there is a need to find additional funding to bridge the shortfall
- Prizes are distributed (likely to happen in December as well)

NOVEMBER- AUGUST
All unit youth and Scouting families enjoy the rest of the year having FUN in Scouting not planning and executing additional fundraisers OR asking parents for more money

2016-2017 Unit Program Planner

ONLY ENTER DATA IN HIGHLIGHTED SPACES

1. Enter all your activities and costs per Scout under each month.
2. Enter your number of Scouts and unit commission %.
3. Fill in the five shaded fields at the bottom of the sheet.

Unit Type and Unit #	0
Number of Scouts in Unit	0
Unit Commission %	0%

September		October		November	
Activities	Cost	Activities	Cost	Activities	Cost
Total Cost	**$0.00**	**Total Cost**	**$0.00**	**Total Cost**	**$0.00**

December		January		February	
Activities	Cost	Activities	Cost	Activities	Cost
Total Cost	**$0.00**	**Total Cost**	**$0.00**	**Total Cost**	**$0.00**

March		April		May	
Activities	Cost	Activities	Cost	Activities	Cost
Total Cost	**$0.00**	**Total Cost**	**$0.00**	**Total Cost**	**$0.00**

June		July		August	
Activities	Cost	Activities	Cost	Activities	Cost
Total Cost	**$0.00**	**Total Cost**	**$0.00**	**Total Cost**	**$0.00**

$0	**Registration & Insurance**	**Unit Total Activity Cost & Expenses**	**$0**
$0	**Boys' Life**	**Scout Total Activity Cost & Expenses**	**$0**
$0	**Uniform**	**Other Expenses**	**$0**
$0	**Advancements**	**Unit Sales Goal**	
$0	**Total Expenses**	**Scout Sales Goal**	

UNIT BUDGET PLAN

Take first things first. If your job is to manage funds, your firsts are basics: basic income, basic spending, and basic needs.

If your job is to manage funds for a Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, or Venturing crew, your basics still come first, and they are the same whether the unit is in Hawaii or Maine. They should be planned and budgeted FIRST. Once you develop a sound budgeting plan for basics, you can add other things, such as your individual programming or equipment needs.

The total is a well-managed, well-financed unit. Recognizing this, the Boy Scouts of America recommends a basic unit budget plan, including 10 parts divided into three categories: basic expenses, other expenses, and sources of income.

BASIC EXPENSES

1. Unit Liability Insurance Fee. Units are required to pay a unit liability insurance fee of $40. This fee shall be submitted with the unit's charter application and will help defray the expenses for the general liability insurance program.

Here are the recommended basic expense items per youth member:

Registration $15
Boys' Life 12

Let's look at each basic expense.

2. Registration. When a youth joins, normally the unit asks them to pay the full $15 national registration fee, regardless of the number of months remaining in the unit's charter year. The unit sends to the council the prorated amount for those remaining months. Note that fees are figured on a monthly basis: 1 month $1.25; 2 months $2.50; 3 months $3.75; 4 months $5; 5 months $6.25; 6 months $7.50; 7 months $8.75; 8 months $10; 9 months $11.25; 10 months $12.50; 11 months $13.75; 12 months $15.

The balance of the youth's fee is kept in the unit treasury to supplement dues in paying the next full year's fee. This procedure ensures prompt registration at charter renewal time.

3. *Boys' Life* magazine, the official publication of the Boy Scouts of America, is available to all members at $12 (half the regular rate). Every youth should subscribe to *Boys' Life* because of the quality reading and the articles related to your unit's monthly program. It is part of a youth's growth in Scouting, and research proves Scouts will stay in longer and advance farther if they read *Boys' Life*. If the reserve funds allow, the new Scout, during the charter year, should be signed up for *Boys' Life* on a pro rata basis.

When reserve funds do not pay for the subscription, then the youth or his parents may be asked for the amount. They should understand that the *Boys' Life* subscription cost is not a required part of the national membership fee. On late registrations, it may be necessary to deliver back issues.

4. Unit Accident Insurance. Each unit should be covered by unit accident insurance to help meet the costs of medical care if accidents occur during a Scouting activity. The majority of the councils purchase Council Accident and Sickness insurance, which means you are already covered for accidents and sicknesses. Check with your council to see if they already have the insurance. If not, there is an Accident plan available through Health Special Risk (HSR). Your council can provide you with a brochure that details the plan. Below are the fees from September 1, 2013, through December 31, 2014, from HSR:

Accident insurance, minimum $25 per unit or:

*Unit accident insurance for Cub Scouts..... $1.50
*Unit accident insurance for Boy Scouts..... 3.35
*Unit accident insurance for Varsity Scouts... 3.35
*Unit accident insurance for Venturers..... 4.75

*The same rates apply for registered Scouters; minimum $25 insurance premium per unit.

Because LDS units have coverage through Deseret Mutual, it is not necessary to purchase unit accident insurance through HSR.

5. Reserve Fund. The reserve fund might be established by a gift or loan from the chartered organization or by a unit money-earning project. The reserve fund should meet unexpected expenses that occur before dues are collected or other money is earned. A new member's initial expenses may be met from the fund.

A small portion of each youth's basic expenses is budgeted to maintain this fund. If the reserve fund falls below this amount, it should be restored through a money-earning project or other means.

6. Other Basic Expenses. These basic expenses include insignia of membership and rank for each Scout to ensure prompt recognition, and literature required by unit adult and youth leaders. Because service to others is fundamental in Scouting, the budget should include a goodwill project, Good Turn, or a gift to the World Friendship Fund.

OTHER EXPENSES

7. Program Materials. Each unit needs to provide a certain amount of program materials. For example, it should have a United States flag, unit flags, and equipment and supplies for its regular program.

8. Activities. The size of the budgeted amount for activities depends on the unit program. Usually, such activities as Cub Scout pinewood derbies, Boy Scout hikes, camping, or Varsity Scout high-adventure trips are financed by the Scout and his family over and above the dues program.

As a special note, refreshments at parties or parents' meetings can be homemade or met by a cover charge or "kitty" at the event. Regular unit funds should not be used for this purpose.

SOURCES OF INCOME

9. Dues. Most people agree that the habit of regularly meeting financial obligations is desirable. The financial plan of any unit should include participation by a youth in a regular dues plan. An annual unit fee, too often completely contributed by parents, does little to teach responsibility. However, if the youth has to set aside a little each week for a desired item such as dues, they learn how to budget their own income. Paying dues regularly is not easy, but it does help develop character. It teaches individuals responsibility and a wholesome attitude toward earning their own way.

The weekly or monthly dues envelopes for Cub Scout dens and Boy Scout patrols provide a handy means of recording dues for youth who pay on a regular basis, catch up on back dues, or pay in advance. Varsity Scout teams may use the Boy Scout dues envelopes. If a Scout is behind in dues, adult leaders should find out why. Adult leaders may also help provide a solution through individual work projects.

Regardless of your dues collection plan, or how many months or weeks they are collected, individual dues should cover the basic expenses totaling (pack) $35.00, (troop) $36.85, (team) $36.85, and (crew) $38.25 as shown in the recommended budget. You may also want dues to cover a part of the program and activity budget.

10. Money-Earning Projects. A well-rounded unit program requires supplemental income. It might come from the sale of a product or a project involving the talents, participation, or efforts of the unit members or families. Policies and procedures are in the financial record books for packs, troops, teams, and crews.

Most projects require the submission of the Unit Money-Earning Application, No. 34427, to the local council service center. To ensure conformity with all Scouting standards on money earning, leaders should be familiar with the eight guides listed on the back of the application and in the financial record books.

OTHER RESOURCES

Additional information concerning unit budget plans, the treasurer's job, camp savings, forms, and records is in *Troop/Team Record Book*, No. 34508; *Cub Scout Leader Book*, No. 33221; *Varsity Scout Leader Guidebook*, No. 34827; and *Venturing Leader Manual*, No. 34655.

BUDGET WORK SHEET

To develop your unit budget, complete with the unit leader the work sheet below, and then have it adopted by the unit committee.

In the case of Boy Scout troops, the patrol leaders' council reviews the budget and puts it in final form prior to study and adoption by the troop committee. Be sure to keep parents informed.

Expected Income for Year

Number of meetings	_____	
Amount of dues each meeting	$_____	
Annual dues per member (dues x number of meetings)	$ 0.00	
Average membership in a year	_____	
Total dues per year **(9)** (annual dues x average membership)		$ 0.00
Other income **(10)**		
	$_____	
	$_____	
	$_____	
Total other income		$ 0.00
Total budgeted income (total dues + total other income)		$ 0.00

Budgeted Expenses for Year

Registration **(2)**	$15.00	
Boys' Life **(3)**	12.00	
Unit accident insurance for Cub Scouts **(4)**	1.50	
Unit accident insurance for Boy Scouts **(4)**	3.35	
Unit accident insurance for Varsity Scouts **(4)**	3.35	
Unit accident insurance for Venturers **(4)**	4.75	
Reserve fund **(5)**	1.00	
Other basic expenses **(6)** (badges, literature, goodwill)	5.50	
a. Total per boy (pack)	$35.00	
Total per boy (troop)	36.85	
Total per boy (team)	36.85	
Total per youth (crew)	38.25	
b. Average yearly membership	0	
Total basic expenses (items a x b)		$ 0.00
Unit liability insurance fee **(1)**		$ 40.00
Program materials **(7)**		$ _____
Activities **(8)**		$ _____
Total budgeted expenses (total basic expenses + program materials + activities + unit liability insurance fee)		$ 40.00

Note: The boldface numbers above match the item to the related section on this form.
If you have questions on any item, refer to the explanatory material.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA DATE _____

Received in council service center _____
(Date)

UNIT MONEY-EARNING APPLICATION

Applications are not required for council-coordinated money-earning projects such as popcorn sales or Scout show ticket sales.

(Local council stamp)

Please submit this application to your council service center at least two weeks in advance of the proposed date of your money-earning project. Read the 10 guides on the other side of this form. They will help you in answering the questions below.

☐ Pack
☐ Troop
☐ Team
☐ Crew

No. _____ Chartered Organization _____

Community _____ District _____

Submits the following plans for its money-earning project and requests permission to carry them out.

What is your unit's money-earning plan? _____

_____

About how much does your unit expect to earn from this project? _____ How will this money be used? _____

_____

Does your chartered organization give full approval for this plan? _____

What are the proposed dates? _____

Are tickets or a product to be sold? Please specify. _____

_____

Will your members be in uniform while carrying out this project? (See items 3–6 on other side.) _____

_____

Have you checked with neighboring units to avoid any overlapping of territory while working? _____

Is your product or service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? _____

Are any contracts to be signed? _____ If so, by whom? _____

Give details. _____

Is your unit on the budget plan? _____ How much are the dues? _____

How much does your unit have in its treasury? _____

Signed _____ Signed _____

(Chartered Organization Representative) (Unit Leader)

Signed _____ _____

(Chairman, Unit Committee) (Address of Chairman)

FOR USE OF DISTRICT OR COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE: Telephone _____

Approved by _____ Date _____

Approved subject to the following conditions _____

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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.

6. ***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: Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts and leaders should not identify themselves as Boy Scouts/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.**

8. ***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.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
NATIONAL COUNCIL

FISCAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR BSA UNITS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Should our unit have a checking account?
Yes. Unit funds should be deposited in a checking account that requires two signatures on every check unless the chartered organization requires other procedures.

Does a unit need its own tax identification number? If so, where do we get it?
The answer depends on the chartered organization. Most units obtain their own tax ID number by completing IRS Form SS-4. The current form and instructions are available on the IRS website (www.irs.gov). The chartered organization should be the "responsible party." Contact your chartered organization for written permission. Contact your local council for more information.

Who is responsible for the finances of the unit?
The unit committee is responsible for the unit's finances, but the assets belong to the chartered organization.

Should our unit consider insuring our unit equipment?
Yes. It is suggested that your unit insure its equipment. Remember, the chartered organization owns the assets.

Can our unit deposit funds with the local council?
Yes. Most councils allow units to deposit funds to their credit in the council service center.

What happens to the unit funds and equipment should the unit dissolve?
The unit committee shall apply unit funds and property to the payment of unit obligations and shall turn over the surplus, if any, to the chartered organization or the council, as may be agreed upon, pending reorganization of the unit or for the promotion of the program of the Boy Scouts of America.

When should our unit submit a BSA Unit Money-Earning Application?
For all unit fundraising. Approval must be given in advance by the chartered organization and the local council.

Is our unit considered tax-exempt by the IRS?
Chartered organizations vary widely in tax status, but the tax status of your unit is the same as that of your chartered organization if the chartered organization includes the unit in its tax status.

Does our unit need to file annually an electronic postcard 990-N with the IRS?
The BSA national office consulted with outside counsel. In their opinion, most units do not have to file. The only exception is for the very small number of units that have filed for separate federal tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Can our unit be covered under the BSA's group exemption?
No. The IRS only allows local councils (and council trust funds) to be included under the BSA group exemption.

Can our unit be exempt from state sales taxes?
The unit may qualify for a number of state sales tax exemptions as a nonprofit organization under your state laws. Check with your own state; this varies widely across the country.

A volunteer suggested that our unit apply for its own tax-exempt status. Can we?
Units should not incorporate or apply for their own tax-exempt status. Units are not legal entities.

Can we solicit gifts for our unit?
No. Simply put, units are not permitted to solicit any gifts.

Does that mean people can't make gifts to our unit?
Anyone can contribute to a Scout pack, troop, or unit—and many donors don't need or care about charitable deductions.

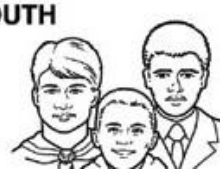
Can gifts go to the local council to benefit our unit, then "pass through" the council to us?
No. Your unit "belongs" to your chartered organization, not to your local council.

My local company has employee volunteerism grants. Can these gifts go to our unit?
Employee incentive awards and volunteerism grants usually can NOT go to a unit, due to the company's giving restrictions. Corporate donations often can only go to charities that are "501(c)(3)."

Can my unit credit amounts from fundraising to an individual toward their expenses?
See the Product Sales Guide for more information.

Questions? Need more information? Please contact your local council.
Thank you for all you do for Scouting and the youth in your community.

Scouting Dollars

	Where Does the Money Come From?	Where Does It Go?
YOUTH 	Personal savings Participation in money-earning projects	Uniforms Handbooks Personal equipment Camp fees
THEIR UNITS	Members' dues Special money-earning projects	Camping equipment Registration fees *Boy's Life* magazine Insignia Special events Program materials
CHARTERED ORGANIZATIONS	Chartered organization's budget	Meeting rooms. lights, heating and air conditioning, restrooms, facilities
MONTANA COUNCIL	Investment in Character and Leadership (ICL) formerly FOS Project sales Special events Bequests Product sales Endowment Income	Organizing units Serving existing units Training leaders Maintaining camps and local council service centers Maintaining local council service center records and information Professional staff support Activities and events Liability insurance for chartered organization
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION	Members' registration fees Magazine subscriptions and ads Supply Division uniform and equipment sales Grants National Service fees	Local council assistance Program research and development Program materials and literature support Professional training Communications

Investment in Character and Leadership (ICL)

Investment in Character and Leadership (ICL) is an annual fundraising campaign directed at both the families and friends of scouting youth and community members and businesses.

What does ICL provide?

It costs the Montana Council approximately $250 per Scout per year to provide the necessary resources and service to support local Scouting units.

This money pays for the operations of the Council including:

- Recruitment flyers, Resource Guides and Marketing resources.
- Phone and utilities at the Council's service centers and camps.
- Inventory of camping and program supplies at our Scout shops.
- Postage and printing.
- Administrative staff services including: Maintaining advancement, training and membership records; making camp and facility reservations; administering the website; and managing accounting functions.
- Professional staff services including: Supporting, managing and advising recruitment efforts; camporees; Cub Scout day camps; Cub Scout family camps; staffing and organization for summer camps; district activities; adult and youth trainings; Scouting for Food; community service vents; and outreach programs.
- Camp staff services including: Camp maintenance; customer service and management and oversight for capital projects.
- Insurance for liability and secondary health and accident coverage for Scouts, leaders and volunteers and property insurance.
- Camperships and other expenses for our Scoutreach youth in our underserved communities.

What if I cannot afford to pay the $250?

No family or Scout will be denied a Scouting experience because of their financial situation. A contribution of $250 (or more) is suggested, but participation at any level is important. In addition to individual families, the Council asks local businesses, civic clubs and individual donors for their financial support. The question often asked is "How many of the Scouting families have contributed?" These groups often base their decision to support Scouting on how many of Scouting's families help bear the costs of operating the Council. Donations to FOS are tax deductible.

Do the United Way and the large corporations in the area give money to Scouting?

The Montana Council is a partner agency with the United Way in some Montana counties. We encourage you to designate your United Way donations towards Scouting. Overall, United Way donations make up less than 1% of our annual funding.

My company gives matches gifts. Can those funds be directed to the Council?

The Council does receive a handful of "matching gift" donations from local businesses. Please let us know if your employer has a "matching gift" program. Local corporate support is growing.

How can I Contribute to Scouting

A Will or Living Trust

Whether you are married, single, widowed or divorced, you need a will. In many cases, it has nothing to do with how large or small your estate may be. Without a will, your estate will not be distributed to those family members and organizations that you care about. The State of Montana will decide who gets your assets, and probably keep a sizable chunk of it for itself. Without a will, the state can also decide who takes care of your young children when you are gone.

Without a will, your family and friends will suffer, but so will your church, your schools, and Scouting. Your bequest gift can make a real difference in the financial future of the Council and the other organizations that are important to you and your family.

Call the Council at (406) 761-6000 for more information on the importance of a will or trust and what it can mean to you. You spent a lifetime building your estate now it is time to take a few minutes to protect that estate.

Gifts of Securities

Giving appreciated stocks or bonds to the Montana Council is a cost effective way to carry out your charitable gift plans. Tax savings from highly appreciated stocks can be extremely beneficial to the donor.

Gifts in Trust

A Trust Under Will provides a gift that does not take effect until death, minimizing the impact of federal estate tax. Through a Unitrust and Annuity Trust, you can give a designated amount, obtain a charitable deduction during your lifetime, and retain income for your personal use now and/or beneficiaries later. The Montana Council receives your gift at a future time and you qualify for a tax deduction.

Gift Annuity

You can give the Council a gift of cash, stocks, land, bonds, or property. The Council will pay you a guaranteed annual annuity for the rest of your life and that of your spouse.

Have You Considered a Donation of Stock/Securities to the Montana Council?

Advantages to you include:

- You will receive a tax deduction for *current market* value of your stock.
- Your investment in your securities is probably less than the market value, therefore you save money over a cash donation!
- Make a larger gift to Scouting at a lower cost to you.
- If you are interested in donating stock to Scouting contact the Council at (406) 761-6000.

Monthly Deduction

Some donors prefer the simplicity of a monthly bank deduction for a pledge for either Friends of Scouting or Endowment. Our banking partner First Interstate Bank is happy to provide this service. Call the Council at (406) 761-6000 if you are interested in pursuing a monthly automatic withdrawal.

Endowment Recognition

The Montana Council's Endowment Fund has grown over the past several years and the National Council has created appropriate recognitions for all endowment gifts. All gifts are truly building Scouting for future generations. The principal of your gift is never used, only the interest from the investment. Here is a review of the recognitions:

James E. West Fellowship

A gift to the Montana Council, designated to its endowment fund. Donors may make cumulative gifts to reach Silver, Gold and Diamond levels.

$1,000+	Bronze Member Level
•	Bronze pin
•	Certificate
$5,000+	Silver Member Level
•	Silver pin
•	Certificate
$10,000+	Gold Member Level
•	Gold pin
•	Certificate
$15,000+	Diamond Member Level
•	Diamond pin
•	Certificate

Second Century Society

An outright gift of $25,000 or more payable over five years, or a deferred gift of $100,000 or more, to the Montana Council for operating, capital, or endowment.

$25,000+	Member Level
•	Lapel pin
•	Certificate
$100,000+	Member Level
•	Lapel pin
•	Certificate
•	Framed Rockwell Print
•	Custom Second Century Society insignia item*
$500,000+	Member Level
•	Lapel pin
•	Certificate
•	Limited Edition framed Rockwell Print
•	Custom Second Century Society insignia item*
$1,000,000+	Member Level
•	Lapel pin
•	Certificate
•	Premium framed Rockwell print
•	Custom Second Century Society insignia item*

Donors making outright gifts of $100,000 or more are designated as "Members with Distinction." Donors making deferred gifts of $500,000 or more are designated as "Legacy Members." Members in these categories receive special recognition and opportunities provided by the BSA Foundation. *(Member level appropriate)

This is also a unique way for a group of people to recognize a Scout or Scouter with a gift that lasts forever.

To become an endowment contributor, acquire an enrollment form or for more information, please contact the Council at (406) 761-6000.

Council Website

Council Website

www.montanabsa.org

The site features steaming video and picture content as part of its home pages. In addition, users should find easier access to Unit Content, Joining information, Calendaring, etc. The look and feel was created by Montana Designers and sets a new standard for Council Websites.

We look to you for feedback regarding our new site and encourage you to send your thoughts and ideas to Jory Dellinger at jory.dellinger@scouting.org. Your Council website is a significant tool designed to provide better communication to our Scouts, Scouters and supporters across the state.

Thanks and happy Surfing!

Team 315

Team 315 (Montana Council #) is the Council's way of recognizing all Scouts, Scouters, Donors and Friends in the Council. We have created new dynamic content and merchandise featuring this logo. Everyone that has a role with the Montana Council youth and adults is a member. Say it once, say it loud—Team 315 and Proud!

Thank you for all you do!

BeAScout.org

The BSA has put Scouting on the map!

That's right! The BSA has put Scouting on the map all across the nation! The Boy Scouts of America has its own joining Web page with information on Scouting, plus an actual Google map application that helps potential Scouts and their parents find packs, troops, and crews in their communities.

How does it work?
In a nutshell, unit leaders are able to update their unit's Google "pin" - the bubble you see on Google maps - through MyScouting.org. They can add their unit meeting time, location, phone number, unit website address if they have one, as well as a contact name for the unit. It's easy!

Why is this important for the BSA?
1. Consistent marketing. One national website (not 300) we can use in marketing materials, PSAs, etc., that directs potential Scouts to local units.
2. Find Scouting Near You! It's a great way to find Scouting in your community.
3. Join Now! An easier way to invite families to join.

The Google pin.
The information in the "pins" will be tied to unit records in the BSA's database. Unit leaders will have the ability to update this information to keep it accurate and up to date. They will be able to edit it as often as they like.

"Ask Us! We can help."
A new feature allows people interested in a particular unit to email questions to the unit leaders. For instance, say a potential Scout parent wants to know, —*What night does your den meet?"*
The parent would click on the —For More Information link. The site will open up a —blind email window (the sender never sees the actual email address). He or she types the question and presses Enter. The leader receives the question and can respond.

www.beascout.org keeps a record of the question and the person requesting the information and whether or not they receive a response. Plus, unit leaders, district personnel, council staff, area, region, and national level staff can run reports to see the requests coming in and whether or not responses are being sent.
For more information, contact your District Executive.

Membership

Our goal is to have fun while making the scouting program available to as many youth and adults as possible! If you need help in this area you can contact our Vice President of Membership, your District Executive, your District Membership Chair or your District Chairman. There is a wealth of information on the national website including best practices and flyers that are available. Go to: **www.scouting.org/membership**

What is Cub Scouts?

Cub Scouting is fun! No matter what grade you are in, 1st through 5th, it can be a blast! Do you like to learn by doing? You can learn to tie knots, set up a tent, shoot a bow and arrow (archery). Have you ever cooked a meal on a campfire? Built a bird house? Hike? Earn rewards for doing these things in Cub Scouts.

What is Boy Scouts?

Boy Scouting, one of the traditional membership divisions of the BSA, is available to boys who have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old or have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10, or who are 11, but not yet 18 years old. The program achieves the BSA's objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness.

What is Venturing?

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 years of age OR 13 years of age and have completed the eighth grade and under 21 years of age. Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

Month by month Unit Growth Planning

January	Webelos to Boy Scout transition planning
	Boy Scouts to Venturing transition planning
	Plan Spring recruitment activities/events (ie Tiger Hunts for Cub Scouts, invite a friend activities)
February	Unit growth events for new units
	Webelos to Boy Scout transition takes place
March	Unit growth events for new units
	Boy Scouts to Venturing transition takes place
April	Continue Spring recruitment events
	Unit growth events for new units
May	Continue Spring recruitment events
June	Summer camp and high-adventure camps – Go have fun!
	Cub Scout day camp and resident camp
July	Summer camp and high-adventure camps – Go have fun!
	Cub Scout day camp and resident camp
	Plan Joining nights for Scouting and troop and crew open houses
August	Attend Unit Roundup training and kickoff in your District
September	Hold Joining nights for Scouting and troop and crew open houses
	Individual unit rallies for sign-up and orientation
	Leadership recruitment follow-up and training
October	Unit rallies, sign-up and orientation
	Troop and crew open houses
	Outdoor event for newly recruited Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers
November	Troop and crew open houses
December	Invite a friend activity!

Leader Resources: www.scouting.org/membership

Service Projects - How to Report Hours

Report Service Hours! Why?

Did you know that most units are not reporting their service hours? Throughout the Montana Council, almost every weekend a unit is performing invaluable service to the community and no one knows about it.

Start now reporting all service hours….it is a key measurement goal in "Scouting's Journey to Excellence" program. Don't miss out on valuable points for your JTE Unit award.

Scouting's Journey to Excellence Scoring - By Unit Type

The goal for all units is: that a unit participates in service projects, with one benefitting your chartering organization. The projects and hours are entered on the Journey to Excellence website.

Pack Points

Bronze—2 service projects

Silver—3 service projects

Gold—4 service projects

Troop Points

Bronze—3 service projects

Silver—4 service projects

Gold—5 service projects

Crew Points

Bronze—2 service projects

Silver—3 service projects

Gold—4 service projects

How to Report Hours

New User? You will need your Unit ID to register which you can get from your District Exectuive.

Have Logon? Go to https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx

You will need your Unit ID to report hours...same ID as used for internet advancement.

Thank you for your help in this valuable process.

AGE-APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES FOR SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

Age- and rank-appropriate guidelines have been developed based on many factors. When planning activities outside of program materials or handbooks, ask this question: Is the activity appropriate for the age and for Scouting? Not every activity needs to be conducted.

	TIGERS (WITH ADULT PARTNER)	WOLF/BEAR SCOUTS	WEBELOS SCOUTS	BOY SCOUTS	OLDER BOY SCOUTS, VARSITY SCOUTS, SEA SCOUTS, VENTURERS
OUTDOOR SKILLS					
Camporees			Visit Only		
Conservation Projects					
Cooking Outdoors		Bear Necessities Requirement			
Fire Building					
Fishing					
Fueled Devices (Stoves and lanterns)					
Hiking—Day					
Hiking—Multiple Day					
Horseback Riding					
Hunting					Venturers Only
Map and Compass	Map Only				
Mountain Boards					
Mountaineering/Scrambling/Cross-Country Travel					
Orienteering					
Pioneering					
Rope Bridges/Pioneering Towers (Check requirements for height restrictions.)					
Survival Training			Castaway Elective		
Winter Camping					
TOOLS					
Axes					
Bow Saws					
Hand Ax					
Hand Tools					
Pocketknife		Bear Only			
TREKKING					
Backpacking—Overnight, Backcountry					
Bike Treks—Day Ride					
Bike Treks—Multiple Overnights					
BMX Biking					
Day Hikes					
Horse Treks					
Mountain Biking					
Search and Rescue Missions					
Search and Rescue Practice					
Ski Touring—Multiple Days and Nights Carrying Gear					
AIRCRAFT					
Commercial Flight Experience					
Ground School					
Hands-On Flying Experience					
Hot-Air Balloons (Tethered only)					
Orientation Flight					
Soaring (Orientation flights only)					
SHOOTING					
.22 Rifle					
Air Rifle (pellet guns)			Webelos Resident Camp Only		
Archery—Field					
Archery—Target, Action (moving targets)	Council/District Outdoor Programs Only				
BB Guns	Council/District Outdoor Programs Only				
Catapults					
Large-Bore Rifles					Venturers Only
Muzzleloaders					
Pistols*					Venturers Only
Shotguns					
Slingshots/Wrist Rockets	Council/District Outdoor Programs Only				

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VEHICLES					
All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV)				Approved Council Use Only; No Unit Use	
Dirt Bikes					Venturers Only
Driving Derbies					
Personal Watercraft (PWC)				Approved Council Use Only; No Unit Use	
Snowmobiles					Venturers Only
COPE AND CLIMBING					
Belaying					
Bouldering					
Caving (other than simple novice activities)					
Climbing (age-appropriate man-made facility)					
Advanced Climbing					
Climbing—Rock					
Lead Climbing					
Rappeling					
Snow and Ice Climbing					
COPE (age-appropriate activities for younger Scouts)					
Aerial Adventure Parks					
Canopy Tours					
Zip Lines					
AQUATICS (See Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat for restrictions based on skills, such as swimming ability, rather than age.)					
Aerial Towed Activities (kitesurfing, parasails)	Not authorized				
Cliff Jumping, High Dives	Not authorized				
Commercial Marine Transport (ferries, excursion ships)					
Day Rides on Large Private Craft With Trained Adult Operator					
Motorboats: Youth Operated (check state regulations)					
Overnight Cruise on Live-Aboard Vessel					
Paddle Sports: Youth Operated on Calm or Gently Flowing Water		Paddle Sports Include Canoes, Kayaks, Pedal Boats, Rafts, Rowboats, SUP			
Paddle Sports: Youth Operated on Class I or II Whitewater					
Paddle Sports: Youth Operated on Class III or Above Whitewater					
Paddle Sports: Whitewater With Professional Guide on Board					
Personal Water Craft (PWC)				Approved Council Programs Only	
Sailboats and Sailboards: Youth Operated					
Swimming					
Snorkeling in Confined Water					
Snorkeling in Open Water					
Scuba					
Surfing					
Towed Activities (waterskiing, knee boarding, floats)					
Triathlon: Swim Races in Open Water					Sanctioned Events
Tubing (floating in gently flowing water)					
Water Parks, Slides, and Floating Attractions		Appropriate Age Varies by Feature			
CAMPING					
Day Camp					
Den Overnights					
Camporees					
Family Camping	Council-Designated Location Only				
High Adventure					
Jamboree					
Pack Overnighters	Council-Designated Location Only				
Parent/Son Overnights					
Resident Camp					
Weekend Overnights					

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Scouting's Journey to Excellence

2016 District Planning, Performance, and Recognition

Item	Objective	Bronze Level	Silver Level	Gold Level	Bronze Points	Silver Points	Gold Points
	Finance	**Category Total Needed for Overall Gold: 175**			**Total Points:**		**500**
#1	**Fundraising performance:** Achieve district finance goals as defined by the council.	Meet or exceed goal established for bronze.	Meet or exceed goal established for silver.	Meet or exceed goal established for gold.	100	200	300
#2	**Fundraising manpower:** Achieve district goals related to volunteers involved in fundraising as defined by the council.	Meet or exceed goal established for bronze.	Meet or exceed goal established for silver.	Meet or exceed goal established for gold.	75	100	200
	Membership	**Category Total Needed for Overall Gold: 325**			**Total Points:**		**900**
#3	**Market share:** Increase market share of members (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts/Varsity Scouts, Venturers and Explorers).	6% density or 1% growth in density (i.e. 5.00% to 5.05%)	9% density, or 6% and 1% growth in density	13% density, or 9% and 1% growth in density	75	100	200
#4	**Membership/youth growth:** Increase number of registered youth (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts/ Varsity Scouts, Venturers and Explorers).	Greater than prior year	1% growth over prior year	2% growth over prior year	100	200	300
#5	**New member recruiting:** Increase number of new Cub Scouts recruited by providing sufficient opportunities to join.	New Cub Scouts joining represent at least 4% of TAY or growth in packs	New Cub Scouts are 5.5% of TAY, or 4% and growth in packs	New Cub Scouts are 8% of TAY, or 5.5% and growth in packs	75	100	200
#6	**Youth retention:** Improve retention rate of traditional members.	65% retention or 2 percentage points increase (i.e. 58%-60%)	72% retention, or 65% and 2 percentage points increase	78% retention, or 72% and 2 percentage points increase	75	100	200
	Program	**Category Total Needed for Overall Gold: 175**			**Total Points:**		**600**
#7	**Cub Scout advancement:** Increase the percentage of Cub Scouts earning rank advancements.	50% or 2 percentage points increase (i.e. 28%-30%)	61%, or 50% and 2 percentage points increase	75%, or 61% and 2 percentage points increase	75	100	200
#8	**Boy Scout advancement:** Increase the percentage of Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts earning rank advancements.	44% or 2 percentage points increase (i.e. 30%-32%)	50%, or 44% and 2 percentage points increase	55%, or 50% and 2 percentage points increase	25	50	100
#9	**Cub Scout camping:** Increase the percentage of Cub Scouts attending day camp, family camp, and/or resident camp.	36% or 2 percentage points increase (i.e. 18%-20%)	55%, or 36% and 2 percentage points increase	90%, or 55% and 2 percentage points increase	25	50	100
#10	**Boy Scout camping:** Increase the percentage of Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts attending long-term camp and high-adventure program.	55% or 2 percentage points increase (i.e. 38%-40%)	65%, or 55% and 2 percentage points increase	80%, or 65% and 2 percentage points increase	25	50	100
#11	**Community service:** Increase the amount of community service provided by Scouts, Explorers, leaders, and other participants.	Average 3 hours per youth member or .2 hour growth (i.e. 1.8 to 2.0)	Average 5 hours per youth member, or 3 hours and .2 hour growth	Average 7 hours per youth member, or 5 hours and .2 hour growth	25	50	100
	Unit Service	**Category Total Needed for Overall Gold: 175**			**Total Points:**		**500**
#12	**Unit retention:** Improve retention rate of traditional units.	86% retention or 2 percentage points increase (i.e. 80%-82%)	90% retention	94% retention	75	100	200
#13	**Unit contacts:** Support implementation of the Unit Service Plan through detailed assessments and an increased number of significant unit contacts.	10% of units have 6 total assessments recorded in Commissioner Tools of which one should be a detailed assessment.	20% of units have 6 total assessments recorded in Commissioner Tools of which one should be a detailed assessment.	35% of units have 6 total assessments recorded in Commissioner Tools of which one should be a detailed assessment.	50	100	150
#14	**Unit performance:** Improve the performance ratings of units using Journey to Excellence metrics.	Have 50% of the units in the district achieve the Bronze award or above.	Have 60% of the units in the district achieve the Bronze award or above.	Have 70% of the units in the district achieve the Bronze award or above.	50	100	150
	Leadership & Governance	**Category Total Needed for Overall Gold: 175**			**Total Points:**		**500**
#15	**District committee:** Increase the effectiveness of the district committee.	Have a registered district chairman, vice chairman, commissioner, and 9 other members - 12 total	Have a registered district chairman, 2 vice chairmen, commissioner, and 16 other members - 20 total	Have a registered district chairman, 3 vice chairmen, commissioner, and 28 other members - 33 total	75	100	200
#16	**Unit leadership:** Increase the number of direct contact leaders who are trained.	34% or 2 percentage points increase (i.e. 22%-24%)	42%, or 34% and 2 percentage points increase	60%, or 42% and 2 percentage points increase	100	200	300

Scoring: Gold- Total of 1,650 total points plus minimums in every category, Silver- Total of 1,350 points, Bronze- Total of 1,000 points

Scouting's Journey to Excellence

2016 District Planning, Performance, and Recognition

Journey to Excellence in 2016 will proceed along the path of continuous improvement. It is based on many of the best practices used in the corporate performance measurement field today. It guides program planning before the year begins, monitors activities for continuous improvement during the year, and recognizes performance at the end of the year. In planning your strategy, use actual numbers from the previous years to guide your performance improvement goal-planning. The district may qualify by meeting either determined or performance improvement standards.

Finance Measures	
1	The council will approve goals for the district, defining bronze, silver, and gold determined standards. The district may be evaluated based upon achieving an overall fundraising goal or achievement of the individual elements, as defined by the council. There is no improvement performance standard for this criterion, as it is being measured against goals.
2	The council will approve goals pertaining to the recruitment and involvement of volunteers for the district fundraising campaigns, defining bronze, silver, and gold determined standards.
Membership Measures	
3	Total Lone Cub Scouts, Cub Scouts, Lone Boy Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Explorers on 12/31/16, divided by total available youth (TAY).
4	Difference between 12/31/16 total of Lone Cub Scouts, Cub Scouts, Lone Boy Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Explorers and 12/31/15 total of same membership categories, divided by 12/31/15 total of same membership categories.
5	Number of new Cub Scouts registered during the year divided by total available youth of Cub Scout age. Unit growth measures the change in total packs over the prior year. New packs organized should have at least 10 members.
6	Percent of traditional youth (Lone Cub Scouts, Cub Scouts, Lone Boy Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts) remaining registered after one year (12/31/15 to 12/31/16), including all transfers. Youth who turn 18 within the year are not included in the calculations.
Program Measures	
7	Total number of Cub Scouts advancing at least one rank (Bobcat - Arrow of Light) on 12/31/16, divided by total Cub Scouts on 12/31/16.
8	Total number of Boy Scouts advancing at least one rank (Scout - Eagle) on 12/31/16, divided by total Boy Scouts/Varsity Scouts on 12/31/16.
9	Council Cub Scouts attending any in-council/out-of-council day camp (including STEM), resident camp, or family camp during the period of 9/1/15 through 8/31/16, divided by Cub Scout membership on 6/30/16.
10	Council Boy Scouts/Varsity Scouts attending any in-council/out-of-council long-term summer camp, high-adventure experience, jamboree specialty camp (such as STEM), or serving on camp staff during the period on 9/1/15 through 8/31/16, divided by Boy Scout/Varsity Scout membership on 6/30/16.
11	Total service hours by Scouts, leaders, and other participants recorded on Journey To Excellence Service Hours website on 12/31/16, divided by registered youth (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Explorers) on 12/31/16.
Unit Service Measures	
12	Percent of traditional units (packs, troops, teams, crews, and ships) remaining registered after one year (12/31/15 to 12/31/16).
13	Number of unique units receiving six or more assessments of which one should be a detailed assessment, as recorded in Commissioner Tools during 2016, divided by total number of traditional units on 12/31/16.
14	Total number of packs, troops, teams, crews, ships, and posts rated as bronze, silver, or gold on 12/31/16, divided by the total number of packs, troops, teams, crews, ships, and posts.
Leadership & Governance Measures	
15	Bronze: Minimum of 12 district committee members with paid or multiple registration on 12/31/16, including a District Chairman (61), at least one District Vice Chairman (62), and a District Commissioner (81). Other members may be registered as Neighborhood Chairmen (64) or District Members-at-large (75). Silver: Minimum of 20 district committee members on 12/31/16, including a District Chairman (61), at least two District Vice Chairmen (62), and a District Commissioner (81). Gold: Minimum of 33 district committee members on 12/31/16 including a District Chairman (61), at least three District Vice Chairmen (62), and a District Commissioner (81).
16	Number of Cubmasters (CM), Tiger Cub den leaders (TL), Den leaders (DL), Webelos den leaders (WL), Scoutmasters (SM), Leaders of 11-year old Scouts- LDS (10), Varsity Scout coaches (VC), Crew advisors (NL), and Skippers (SK), paid or multiple registration, completing essential training requirements for their position by 12/31/16, divided by total number in the positions listed above on 12/31/16.

Scoring the district's performance: To determine the district's performance level, the council will use the above information to measure the points earned for each of the 16 individual criteria and then add those individual point scores to determine a composite score. Bronze level requires earning 1,000 points, Silver level requires earning 1,350 points and Gold level requires earning 1,650 points (and stated minimum point totals in each of the five categories). Councils may offer up to 100 bonus points to their districts for strategic initiatives. These will be added to the total score, but will not be included in any category.

Pack _____ of _____ District

2016 Scouting's Journey to Excellence

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 pack committee, and it follows BSA policies relating to fundraising.	Have an annual program plan and budget adopted by the pack committee.	Achieve Bronze, plus pack committee meets at least six times during the year to review program plans and finances.	Achieve Silver, plus pack conducts a planning meeting involving den leaders for the following program year.	50	100	200
	Membership					**Total Points:**	**500**
#2	**Building Cub Scouting:** Have an increase in Cub Scout membership or maintain a larger than average pack size.	Conduct a formal recruitment program by October 31 and register new members in the pack.	Achieve Bronze, and either increase youth members by 5% or have at least 40 members.	Achieve Silver, and either increase youth members by 10% or have at least 60 members.	50	100	200
#3	**Retention:** Retain a significant percentage of youth members.	Reregister 60% of eligible members.	Reregister 65% of eligible members.	Reregister 75% of eligible members.	50	100	200
#4	**Webelos-to-Scout transition:** Have an effective plan to graduate Webelos Scouts into Boy Scout troop(s).	With a troop, hold two joint activities or 75% of second year Webelos have completed "The Scouting Adventure."	60% of eligible Webelos register with a troop.	80% of eligible Webelos register with a troop.	25	50	100
	Program					**Total Points:**	**900**
#5	**Advancement:** Achieve a high percentage of Cub Scouts earning rank advancements.	50% of Cub Scouts advance one rank during the year.	60% of Cub Scouts advance one rank during the year.	75% of Cub Scouts advance one rank during the year.	100	200	300
#6	**Outdoor activities:** Conduct outdoor activities and field trips.	Each den has the opportunity to participate in three outdoor activities or field trips during the year.	Each den has the opportunity to participate in four outdoor activities or field trips during the year.	Each den has the opportunity to participate in five outdoor activities or field trips during the year.	50	100	200
#7	**Day/resident/family camp:** Cub Scouts attend day camp, family camp, and/or resident camp.	33% of Cub Scouts participate in a camping experience or improvement over the prior year.	50%, or 33% and have improvement over the prior year.	75%, or 50% and have improvement over the prior year.	50	100	200
#8	**Service projects:** Participate in service projects.	Participate in two service projects and enter the hours on the JTE website.	Participate in three service projects and enter the hours on the JTE website.	Achieve Silver, plus at least one of the service projects is conservation-oriented.	25	50	100
#9	**Pack and den meetings:** Dens and the pack have regular meetings.	Hold eight pack meetings a year. Den or pack meetings have started by October 31.	Achieve Bronze, plus dens meet at least twice a month during the school year.	Achieve Silver, plus earn the Summertime Pack Award.	25	50	100
	Volunteer Leadership					**Total Points:**	**400**
#10	**Leadership recruitment:** The pack is proactive in recruiting sufficient leaders.	Have a Cubmaster, assistant Cubmaster and a committee with at least three members.	Achieve Bronze, and prior to recruiting event, the committee identifies pack and den leadership for the next year.	Achieve Silver, plus every den has a registered leader by October 31.	50	100	200
#11	**Trained leadership:** Have trained and engaged leaders at all levels.	Cubmaster or an assistant Cubmaster or pack trainer has completed position-specific training.	Achieve Bronze, plus the Cubmaster and den leaders have completed position-specific training or, if new, will complete within three months of joining.	Achieve Silver, plus two-thirds of registered committee members have completed position-specific training for the pack committee.	50	100	200

☐ **Bronze:** Earn at least 525 points by earning points in at least 7 objectives.

☐ **Silver:** Earn at least 800 points by earning points in at least 8 objectives.

☐ **Gold:** Earn at least 1,050 points by earning points in at least 8 objectives.

Total points earned: _____

No. of objectives with points: _____

☐ *Our pack has completed online rechartering by the deadline in order to maintain continuity of our program.*

☐ *We certify that these requirements have been completed:*

Cubmaster _____ Date _____

Committee chair _____ Date _____

Commissioner _____ Date _____

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Scouting's Journey to Excellence

2016 Pack Planning, Performance, and Recognition

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Planning and Budget Measures	
1	The pack has a program plan and budget that is reviewed at all pack committee meetings, and the pack follows BSA policies relating to fundraising and fiscal management as found on the Unit Money-Earning Application form and any other publication that the council has developed for fundraising and fiscal management. Program plans and budget are reviewed with den leaders and parents at the start of the program year.
Membership Measures	
2	A formal recruitment event is conducted and new members are registered by October 31, 2016. On December 31, 2016, the pack has an increase in the number of youth members as compared to the number registered on December 31, 2015. A membership growth plan template can be found at www.scouting.org/membership.
3	Number of youth members on the most recent charter renewal (A) divided by the number of youth registered at the end of the prior charter year (B) minus any age-outs (C). Total = (A) / (B-C). Age-outs are youth who are too old to reregister as Cub Scouts.
4	Hold at least two joint activities with a troop or troops, and have graduating boys register with a troop. "The Scouting Adventure" for second-year Webelos is described in the *Webelos Scout Handbook*. If the pack has no second-year Webelos Scouts, this requirement is met at the Bronze level.
Program Measures	
5	Total number of Cub Scouts advancing at least one rank (Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light) during the calendar year (A), divided by the number of boys registered at the end of the year (B). Advancement = (A) / (B).
6	The pack has activities and field trips in the outdoors, which could include outdoor pack meetings, hikes, family campouts, parades, outdoor service projects, etc. All dens have the opportunity to participate.
7	Cub Scouts attend an in-council or out-of-council Cub Scout day camp, family camp, and/or Cub Scout resident camp in 2016. STEM programs either as a day camp or resident camp are also included. All levels are total number of different Cub Scouts attending (A) divided by total number of Cub Scouts registered in the pack as of June 30, 2016 (B). Total = (A) / (B).
8	The pack participates in at least two service projects during the year and enters them on the Journey to Excellence website. (See instructions at www.Scouting.org/jte.) The projects may be completed as joint projects with other organizations. At least one project is conservation-oriented.
9	Have at least eight pack meetings within the past 12 months, with one of those meetings being to review the pack's program plans and asking for parental involvement in the pack. Den meetings start by October 31, 2016, and all dens meet at least twice each month within the past year. Pack earns the Summertime Pack Award.
Volunteer Leadership Measures	
10	The pack has a Cubmaster, an assistant, and a committee of at least three members. Ideally, the chartered organization representative should not be dual registered as one of the committee members. The pack identifies persons for next year's leadership for existing dens, including Cubmaster, Den Leaders, and Webelos Den Leaders prior to the start of the program year. All dens have a registered leader by October 31, 2016.
11	All leaders have completed youth protection training. The Cubmaster and den leaders (paid or multiple registration) have completed position-specific training or, if new, will complete within three months of joining. Two-thirds of active committee members have completed leader-specific training.

Scoring the pack's performance: To determine the pack's performance level, you will use the above information to determine the points earned for each of the 11 criteria and then add those individual point scores to determine a composite score. Count only the highest point total achieved in any one criterion. Bronze level requires earning at least 525 points in at least 7 criteria, Silver level requires earning points in at least 8 criteria and 800 points, and Gold level requires earning points in at least 8 criteria and 1,050 points.

For more resources: www.Scouting.org/jte

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

Troop _____ of _____ District

2016 Scouting's Journey to Excellence

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 committee meets at least six times during the year to review program plans and finances.	Achieve Silver, plus troop conducts a planning meeting involving youth leaders for the following program year.	50	100	200
	Membership				**Total Points:**		**500**
#2	**Building Boy Scouting:** Have an increase in Boy Scout membership or maintain a larger than average troop size.	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 Boy Scouts earning rank advancements.	40% of Boy Scouts advance one rank during the year.	50% of Boy Scouts advance one rank during the year.	60% of Boy 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 a Scoutmaster, an assistant Scoutmaster, and a committee with at least three members.	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.	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 must have completed Troop Committee Challenge and at least one person has attended an advanced training course.	50	100	200

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☐ **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 objectives.

Total points earned: _____

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 _____

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Scouting's Journey to Excellence

2016 Troop Planning, Performance, and Recognition

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Planning and Budget Measures	
1	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 and fiscal management as found on the Unit Money-Earning Application form and any other publication that the council has developed for fundraising and fiscal management. A meeting is held with youth leaders where they are involved in developing the plan for the next program year.
Membership Measures	
2	The troop has a growth plan, and conducts a formal recruiting event. On December 31, 2016, the troop has an increase in the number of youth members as compared to the number registered on December 31, 2015. A membership growth plan template can be found at www.scouting.org/membership.
3	Number of youth members on the most recent charter renewal (A) divided by the number of youth registered at the end of the prior charter year (B) minus any age-outs (C). Total = (A) / (B-C). Age-outs are youth who are too old to reregister as Boy Scouts.
4	Hold at least two activities with a pack or Webelos den, and recruit new Webelos Scouts into the troop. Den chiefs are provided to one or more Cub Scout dens.
Program Measures	
5	Total number of Boy Scouts advancing at least one rank (Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, Eagle) during the calendar year (A), divided by the number of boys registered at the end of the year (B). Advancement = (A) / (B).
6	Conduct short-term (at least one overnight) campouts throughout the year.
7	Number of Boy Scouts who attend any in-council or out-of-council long-term summer camp (of at least five nights), high-adventure experience, or jamboree, or serve on camp staff within the past year, divided by the Boy Scout membership on June 30, 2016. Youth attending long-term specialty camps such as NYLT or STEM are also counted.
8	The troop participates in service projects during the year and enters them on the Journey to Excellence website. The projects may be completed as joint projects with other organizations. At least one project must benefit the chartered organization.
9	The troop is separated into patrols and each patrol has an elected patrol leader. If the troop has more than one patrol, there is an elected senior patrol leader. If the troop has more than one patrol, the PLC meets at least four times each year. The troop holds patrol leader training each year, and youth have the opportunity to participate in advanced training.
Volunteer Leadership Measures	
10	The troop has a Scoutmaster, an assistant, and a committee of at least three members. Ideally, the chartered organization representative should not be dual registered as one of the committee members. The troop conducts courts of honor where youth are recognized and program plans are shared with parents.
11	All leaders have completed youth protection training. Scoutmaster and 60% of the assistants (paid or multiple registration) have completed position-specific training or, if new, will complete within three months of joining. Two-thirds of active committee members have completed Troop Committee Challenge. For Gold, one leader must have attended an advanced training course, such as Wood Badge, at some point in their Scouting tenure.

Scoring the troop's performance: To determine the troop's performance level, you will use the above information to determine the points earned for each of the 11 criteria and then add those individual point scores to determine a composite score. Count only the highest point total achieved in any one criterion. Bronze level requires earning at least 525 points in at least 7 criteria, Silver level requires earning points in at least 8 criteria and 750 points, and Gold level requires earning points in at least 8 criteria and 1,000 points.

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JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

Team _____ of _____ District

2016 Scouting's Journey to Excellence

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 follow BSA policies related to fundraising.	Have an annual program plan and budget adopted by the team committee.	Achieve Bronze, plus team committee meets at least six times during the year to review program plans and finances.	Achieve Silver, plus team conducts a planning meeting involving youth leaders for the following program year.	50	100	200
	Membership					**Total Points:**	**400**
#2	**Building Varsity Scouting:** Have a membership recruiting plan to grow team membership.	Have a membership growth plan that includes a recruitment event and register new members in the team.	Achieve Bronze, and have a net increase of at least one member over the prior year.	Achieve Bronze, and have a net increase of at least two members over the prior year.	50	100	200
#3	**Retention:** Retain a significant percentage of youth members.	Reregister 60% of eligible members.	Reregister 75% of eligible members.	Reregister 90% of eligible members.	50	100	200
	Program: Five Fields of Emphasis					**Total Points:**	**1,000**
#4	**Advancement:** Achieve a high percentage of Varsity Scouts earning rank advancements.	Have 40% of Varsity Scouts earn a least one rank, Varsity Letter, or the Denali Award.	Have 50% of Varsity Scouts earn a least one rank, Varsity Letter, or the Denali Award.	Have 60% of Varsity Scouts earn a least one rank, Varsity Letter, or the Denali Award.	50	100	200
#5	**High adventure/sports:** The team participates in high adventure activities.	Participate in at least one high adventure activity.	60% of Varsity Scouts attend a high adventure activity.	70% of Varsity Scouts attend a high adventure activity.	50	100	200
#6	**Personal development:** Provide opportunities and encouragement for personal development.	The team has a youth captain and the program includes opportunities for personal development for every member.	Achieve bronze, plus every field of emphasis has a youth program manager.	Achieve Silver, plus Varsity Scouts have attended advanced training courses through the BSA, a religious or educational institution.	50	100	200
#7	**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.	50	100	200
#8	**Special programs/events:** Participate in activities at a district, council, regional, or national level.	Team actively participates in two special events.	Team actively participates in three special events.	Team actively participates in four special events.	50	100	200
	Volunteer Leadership					**Total Points:**	**400**
#9	**Leadership and family engagement:** Have a proactive approach in recruiting sufficient leaders and communicating with parents.	Have a coach, an assistant coach, and a committee with at least three members.	Achieve Bronze, plus the team holds two courts of honor, where team plans are reviewed with parents.	Achieve Bronze, plus the team holds three courts of honor, where team plans are reviewed with parents.	50	100	200
#10	**Trained leadership:** Have trained and engaged leaders at all levels.	Coach or an assistant coach has completed position-specific training.	Achieve Bronze, plus the coach and all assistants have completed position-specific training or, if new, will complete within three months of joining.	Achieve Silver, plus each program field has a trained advisor.	50	100	200

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☐ **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 objectives.

Total points earned: _____

No. of objectives with points: _____

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☐ *We certify that these requirements have been completed:*

Coach _____ Date _____

Committee chair _____ Date _____

Commissioner _____ Date _____

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Planning and Budget Measures	
1	The team has a program plan and budget that is reviewed at all team committee meetings, and the team follows BSA policies relating to fundraising and fiscal management as found on the Unit Money-Earning Application form and any other publication that the council has developed for fundraising and fiscal management. A meeting is held with youth leaders where they are involved in developing the plan for the next program year.
Membership Measures	
2	The team has a growth plan, and conducts a formal recruiting event. On December 31, 2016, the team has an increase in the number of youth members as compared to the number registered on December 31, 2015. A membership growth plan template can be found at www.scouting.org/membership.
3	Number of youth members on the most recent charter renewal (A) divided by the number of youth registered at the end of the prior charter year (B) minus any age-outs (C). Total = (A) / (B-C). Age-outs are youth who are too old to reregister as Varsity Scouts.
Program Measures	
4	Total number of Varsity Scouts earning awards (Varsity Letter or Denali) or Scout rank advancement (Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, Eagle) during the calendar year (A), divided by the number of boys registered at the end of the year (B). Advancement = (A) / (B).
5	Number of Varsity Scouts who attend any in-council or out-of-council high-adventure activity (of at least five nights),or council-approved team high-adventure experience within the past year (5 or more nights), divided by the Varsity Scout membership on June 30, 2016.
6	There is a youth serving as team captain. Team meetings include personal growth opportunities for each member. Each of the five fields of emphasis has a youth leader assigned. Youth have the opportunity to participate in advanced training.
7	The team participates in service projects during the year and enters them on the Journey to Excellence website. The projects may be completed as joint activities with other organizations. At least one must benefit the chartered organization.
8	The team supports and participates in special events held at a district, council, regional, or national level.
Volunteer Leadership Measures	
9	The team has a Coach, an assistant, and a committee of at least three members. Ideally, the chartered organization representative should not be dual registered as one of the committee members. The team conducts courts of honor where youth are recognized and program plans are shared with parents.
10	All volunteer leaders have completed youth protection training. Coach and assistants (paid or multiple registration) have completed position-specific training or, if new, will complete within three months of joining. For Gold, each of the five program fields has a trained advisor assigned.

Scoring the team's performance: To determine the team's performance level, you will use the above information to determine the points earned for each of the 10 criteria and then add those individual point scores to determine a composite score. Count only the highest point total achieved in any one criterion. Bronze level requires earning at least 500 points in at least 6 criteria, Silver level requires earning points in at least 8 criteria and 750 points, and Gold level requires earning points in at least 8 criteria and 1,000 points.

For more resources: www.Scouting.org/jte

Crew _____ of _____ District

2016 Scouting's Journey to Excellence

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 relating to fundraising.	Have an annual program plan and budget adopted by the crew committee.	Achieve Bronze, plus crew committee meets at least six times during the year to review program plans and finances.	Achieve Silver, plus crew conducts a planning meeting involving youth leaders for the following program year.	50	100	200
	Membership					**Total Points:**	**500**
#2	**Building Venturing:** Have an increase in Venturing membership or maintain a larger than average crew size.	Have a membership growth plan that includes a recruitment activity and register new members in the crew.	Achieve Bronze, and either increase youth members by 5% or have at least 10 members.	Achieve Silver, and either increase youth members by 10% or have at least 15 members with an increase over last year.	100	200	300
#3	**Retention:** Retain a significant percentage of youth members.	Reregister 50% of eligible members.	Reregister 60% of eligible members.	Reregister 75% of eligible members.	50	100	200
	Program					**Total Points:**	**800**
#4	**Adventure:** Conduct regular activities including a Tier II or Tier III adventure.	Conduct at least four activities including a Tier II or Tier III adventure.	Conduct at least five activities and at least 50% of youth participate in a Tier II or Tier III adventure.	Conduct at least six activities and at least 50% of youth participate in a Tier II or Tier III adventure.	50	100	200
#5	**Leadership:** Develop youth who will provide leadership to crew meetings and activities.	Have a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer leading the crew.	Achieve Bronze, plus officers meet at least six times. The crew conducts officer training.	Achieve Silver level, plus each crew activity has a youth leader.	50	100	200
#6	**Personal growth:** Provide opportunities for achievement and self-actualization.	Crew members participate in advancement by earning the Venturing Award.	Achieve Bronze, plus crew program includes at least three experiential training sessions.	Achieve Silver level, plus the crew has members earning the Discovery, Pathfinder or Summit Awards.	50	100	200
#7	**Service:** Participate in service projects, with at least one benefiting the chartered organization.	Participate in two service projects and enter the hours on the JTE website.	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.	50	100	200
	Volunteer Leadership					**Total Points:**	**500**
#8	**Leadership recruitment:** Have a proactive approach in recruiting sufficient leaders and communicating with parents.	Have an advisor, associate advisor, and a committee with at least three members.	Achieve Bronze, plus the crew holds a meeting where plans are reviewed with parents.	Achieve Silver, plus adult leadership is identified prior to the start of the next program year.	50	100	200
#9	**Trained leadership:** Have trained and engaged leaders at all levels.	Advisor or an associate advisor has completed position-specific training.	Achieve Bronze, plus the advisor and all associates have completed position-specific training or, if new, will complete within three months of joining.	Achieve Silver, plus at least two committee members have completed crew committee training.	100	200	300

☐ **Bronze:** Earn at least 550 points by earning points in at least 6 objectives.

☐ **Silver:** Earn at least 800 points by earning points in at least 7 objectives.

☐ **Gold:** Earn at least 1,100 points by earning points in at least 7 objectives.

Total points earned: _____

No. of objectives with points: _____

☐ *Our crew has completed online rechartering by the deadline in order to maintain continuity of our program.*

☐ *We certify that these requirements have been completed:*

Advisor _____ Date _____

Crew President _____ Date _____

Commissioner _____ Date _____

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

Scouting's Journey to Excellence

2016 Crew Planning, Performance, and Recognition

Journey to Excellence uses a balanced approach to measure performance. It guides program planning before the year begins, monitors activities for continuous improvement during the year, and recognizes performance at the end of the year. In planning your strategy, use actual numbers from the previous year to guide your performance improvement goal planning. The period for measuring performance will be the calendar year.

Planning and Budget Measures	
1	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 and fiscal management as found on the Unit Money-Earning Application form and any other publication that the council has developed for fundraising and fiscal management. A meeting is held with youth leaders where they are involved in developing the plan for the next program year.
Membership Measures	
2	The crew has a growth plan, and conducts a formal recruiting event. On December 31, 2016, the crew has an increase in the number of youth members as compared to the number registered on December 31, 2015. A membership growth plan template can be found at www.scouting.org/membership.
3	Number of youth members on the most recent charter renewal (A) divided by the number of youth registered at the end of the prior charter year (B) minus any age-outs (C). Total = (A) / (B-C). Age-outs are youth who are too old to reregister as Venturers.
Program Measures	
4	The crew conducts regular activities outside of meetings. At least one is a Tier II activity (may be less than four days, but requires planning and skill development) or a Tier III activity (at least 4 days and is mentally and physically challenging.)
5	The crew has youth leaders serving as president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer who are leading the activities of the crew. Crew officers hold regular meetings and receive training. Each crew activity has a youth leader.
6	Crew members complete the Venturing award shortly after joining. Experiential training at meetings allows crew members to learn from hands-on experiences. The crew encourages achievement through the advanced Venturing awards.
7	The crew participates in service projects during the year and enters them on the Journey to Excellence website. The projects may be completed as joint projects with other organizations. At least one project must benefit the chartered organization.
Volunteer Leadership Measures	
8	The crew has an advisor, an associate, and a committee of at least three members. Ideaaly, the chartered organization representative should not be dual registered as one of the committee members. The crew holds a meeting where program plans are shared with parents. Volunteer leaders are selected prior to the next program year.
9	All volunteer leaders have current youth protection training. Advisor and Associates (paid or multiple registration) have completed position-specific training or, if new, will complete within three months of joining. Two committee members have completed Crew Committee Training.

Scoring the crew's performance: To determine the crew's performance level, you will use the above information to determine the points earned for each of the 9 criteria and then add those individual point scores to determine a composite score. Count only the highest point total achieved in any one criterion. Bronze level requires earning at least 550 points in at least 6 criteria, Silver level requires earning points in at least 7 criteria and 800 points, and Gold level requires earning points in at least 7 criteria and 1,100 points.

For more resources: www.Scouting.org/jte

Ship _____ of _____ District

2016 Scouting's Journey to Excellence

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 relating to fundraising.	Have an annual program plan and budget adopted by the ship committee.	Achieve Bronze, plus ship committee meets at least six times during the year to review program plans and finances.	Achieve Silver, plus ship conducts a planning meeting involving youth leaders for the following program year.	50	100	200
	Membership					**Total Points:**	**500**
#2	**Building Sea Scouting:** Have an increase in Sea Scouting membership or maintain a larger than average ship size.	Have a membership growth plan that includes a recruitment activity and register new members in the ship.	Achieve Bronze, and either increase youth members by 5% or have at least 10 members.	Achieve Silver, and either increase youth members by 10% or have at least 15 members with an increase over last year.	100	200	300
#3	**Retention:** Retain a significant percentage of youth members.	Reregister 50% of eligible members.	Reregister 60% of eligible members.	Reregister 75% of eligible members.	50	100	200
	Program					**Total Points:**	**800**
#4	**Activities:** Conduct regular activities including a super activity or long cruise.	Conduct at least four activities including a super activity or long cruise.	Conduct at least five activities and at least 50% of youth participate in super activity or long cruise.	Conduct at least six activities and at least 50% of youth participate in a super activity or long cruise.	50	100	200
#5	**Leadership:** Develop youth who will provide leadership to ship meetings and activities.	Have an elected boatswain, boatswain's mate, yeoman, and purser leading the ship.	Achieve Bronze, plus officers have Quarterdeck meetings at least six times. The ship conducts Quarterdeck training.	Achieve Silver, plus each ship activity has a youth leader.	50	100	200
#6	**Advancement:** Provide opportunities for advancement and personal development.	Ship members participate in advancement by earning the Apprentice Rank.	Achieve Bronze, plus ship has organized programs addressing fitness and citizenship.	Achieve Silver, plus the ship has members earning the Ordinary, Able or Quartermaster Ranks.	50	100	200
#7	**Service:** Participate in service projects, with at least one benefiting the chartered organization.	Participate in two service projects and enter the hours on the JTE website.	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.	50	100	200
	Volunteer Leadership					**Total Points:**	**500**
#8	**Leadership recruitment:** Have a proactive approach in recruiting sufficient leaders and communicating with parents.	Have an skipper, mate, and a committee with at least three members.	Achieve Bronze, plus the ship holds a meeting where plans are reviewed with parents.	Achieve Silver, plus adult leadership is identified prior to the start of the next program year.	50	100	200
#9	**Trained leadership:** Have trained and engaged leaders at all levels.	Skipper or a mate has completed position-specific training.	Achieve Bronze, plus the skipper and all mates have completed position-specific training or, if new, will complete within three months of joining.	Achieve Silver, plus at least two committee members have completed committee training.	100	200	300

☐ **Bronze:** Earn at least 550 points by earning points in at least 6 objectives.

☐ **Silver:** Earn at least 800 points by earning points in at least 7 objectives.

☐ **Gold:** Earn at least 1,100 points by earning points in at least 7 objectives.

Total points earned: _____

No. of objectives with points: _____

☐ *Our ship has completed online rechartering by the deadline in order to maintain continuity of our program.*

☐ *We certify that these requirements have been completed:*

Skipper _____ Date _____

Boatswain _____ Date _____

Commissioner _____ Date _____

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

Scouting's Journey to Excellence

2016 Ship Planning, Performance, and Recognition

Journey to Excellence uses a balanced approach to measure performance. It guides program planning before the year begins, monitors activities for continuous improvement during the year, and recognizes performance at the end of the year. In planning your strategy, use actual numbers from the previous year to guide your performance improvement goal planning. The period for measuring performance will be the calendar year.

Planning and Budget Measures	
1	The ship has a program plan and budget that is reviewed at all ship committee meetings, and the ship follows BSA policies relating to fundraising and fiscal management as found on the Unit Money-Earning Application form and any other publication that the council has developed for fundraising and fiscal management. A meeting is held with youth leaders where they are involved in developing the plan for the next program year.
Membership Measures	
2	The ship has a growth plan, and conducts a formal recruiting event. On December 31, 2016, the ship has an increase in the number of youth members as compared to the number registered on December 31, 2015. A membership growth plan template can be found at www.scouting.org/membership.
3	Number of youth members on the most recent charter renewal (A) divided by the number of youth registered at the end of the prior charter year (B) minus any age-outs (C). Total = (A) / (B-C). Age-outs are youth who are too old to reregister as Sea Scouts.
Program Measures	
4	The ship has regular activities (not including normal ship meetings). Number of youth participating in at least one super activity/long cruise, divided by the number of Sea Scouts registered in the ship on June 30, 2016.
5	The ship has elected youth leaders as boatswain, boatswain's mate, yeoman, and purser who are leading the activities of the ship. Officers hold regular Quarterdeck meetings and receive training. Each ship activity has a youth leader.
6	Ship members earn the Apprentice Rank shortly after joining. Meetings allow ship members to participate in fitness and citizenship activities. The ship encourages achievement through the advanced Sea Scout ranks.
7	The ship participates in at least two service projects during the year and enters them on the Journey to Excellence website. The projects may be completed as joint projects with other organizations. At least one project must benefit the chartered organization.
Volunteer Leadership Measures	
8	The ship has skipper, mate, and a committee of at least three members. Ideally, the chartered organization representative should not be dual registered as one of the committee members. The ship holds a meeting where program plans are shared with parents. Volunteer leaders are selected prior to the next program year.
9	Skipper and mates have had an orientation and have completed youth protection training. Skipper and mates (paid or multiple registration) have completed position-specific training or, if new, will complete within three months of joining. Two committee members have completed committee training.

Scoring the ship's performance: To determine the ship's performance level, you will use the above information to determine the points earned for each of the 9 criteria and then add those individual point scores to determine a composite score. Count only the highest point total achieved in any one criterion. Bronze level requires earning at least 550 points in at least 6 criteria, Silver level requires earning points in at least 7 criteria and 800 points, and Gold level requires earning points in at least 7 criteria and 1,100 points.

For more resources: www.Scouting.org/jte

Post / Club _____ of _____ District

2016 Exploring's Journey to Excellence

Item	Objective	Bronze Level	Silver Level	Gold Level	Bronze Points	Silver Points	Gold Points
	Committee and Planning				**Total Points:**		**300**
#1	**Committee and Planning:** Have an active post or club committee.	Post or club committee adopts an annual plan and meets at least twice a year.	The post or club committee meets at least four times a year.	The post or club committee meets at least six times a year.	100	200	300
	Participants and Growth				**Total Points:**		**500**
#2	**Open house:** Conduct an open house or recruitment event.	Conduct an open house or recruitment event.	Conduct an open house or recruitment event in November.	Conduct an open house or recruitment event in September or October.	100	200	300
#3	**Growth:** Increase number of youth participants.	Maintain or grow number of youth participating in post or club programs as compared to the prior year.	Achieve Bronze, plus at least half of the youth remain involved throughout the year.	Achieve Bronze, plus at least two-thirds of the youth remain involved throughout the year.	50	100	200
	Program				**Total Points:**		**700**
#4	**Post or club program:** Include interactive activities in the post or club program/meetings.	40% of meetings include interactive activities.	70% of meetings include interactive activities.	85% of meetings include interactive activities.	50	100	200
#5	**Youth leadership:** Have trained youth leadership.	Have active youth officers.	Achieve Bronze, plus post or club Officers' Seminar is conducted for all youth officers.	Achieve Silver, plus Youth Leadership Workshop is conducted.	50	100	200
#6	**Super activity:** The post or club plans and/or participates in a super activity.	Explorers participate in an activity, either nationally, regionally, or locally.	The post or club will plan and conduct it's own super activity.	Achieve Silver with at least 50% Explorers in attendance.	50	100	150
#7	**Service projects:** The post or club participates in one or more community service projects.	Explorers performed one or more community service projects averaging three hours per registered Explorer.	Explorers performed one or more community service projects averaging four hours per registered Explorer.	Explorers performed one or more community service projects averaging six hours per registered Explorer.	50	100	150
	Volunteer Leadership				**Total Points:**		**500**
#8A	**Post adult leadership:** Have registered and engaged adult leaders.	Have five registered adult leaders including: Advisor, associate Advisor, committee chair, and two committee members.	Have six registered adult leaders including: Advisor, associate Advisor, committee chair, and two committee members.	Have eight or more registered adult leaders including: Advisor, associate Advisor, committee chair, and two committee members.	100	200	300
#8B	**Club adult leadership:** Have registered and engaged adult leaders.	Have three registered adult leaders including: Sponsor, co-sponsor, and a committee member.	Have four registered adult leaders including: Sponsor, co-sponsor, and two committee members.	Have five registered adult leaders including: Sponsor, co-sponsor, and three committee members.	100	200	300
#9	**Trained adults:** Have trained adult leaders.	Advisor or an associate advisor has completed position-specific training.	Achieve Bronze, plus 50% of registered adults have completed Adult Explorer Leader Training.	Achieve Silver, plus 75% of registered adults have completed Adult Explorer Leader Training.	50	100	200

☐ **Bronze:** Earn at least 600 points by earning points in at least 6 objectives.

☐ **Silver:** Earn at least 900 points by earning points in at least 7 objectives.

☐ **Gold:** Earn at least 1,200 points by earning points in at least 7 objectives.

Total points earned: _____

No. of objectives with points: _____

☐ *Post/Club leaders have meet with the executive officer of the participating organization.*

☐ *Our post/club has submitted our renewal forms with the necessary signatures and fees prior to the deadline.*

☐ *We certify that these requirements have been completed:*

Advisor/Sponsor_____ Date _____

President _____ Date _____

LFL Representative _____ Date _____

This form should be submitted to the local Learning for Life office.

Exploring's Journey to Excellence

2016 Post/Club Planning, Performance, and Recognition

Journey to Excellence uses a balanced approach to measure performance. The objectives were developed following extensive research into proven indicators of enduring post and club programs. It guides program planning before the year begins, monitors activities for continuous improvement during the year, and recognizes performance at the end of the year. In planning your strategy, use actual numbers from the previous renewal year to chart your progress. Use the criteria in planning your strategy for the coming year to guide your performance improvement. The youth officers should take the lead in making this assessment. The period for measuring performance will be the calendar year.

Committee and Planning Measures	
1	The post or club has a committee that meets throughout the year to support the program.
Participants and Growth Measures	
2	The post or club annually conducts an open house or similar recruiting event.
3	The post or club has an active recruiting program and maintains youth involvement in an annual program.
Program Measures	
4	Post or club meetings consist of interactive activities to engage Explorers beyond listening to lectures, reading handouts, or watching slide shows. This is a proven indicator of post success.
5	The post or club provides youth leadership opportunities and training.
6	A super activity is a major trip, activity, or project requiring advanced planning and promotion by Explorers. Qualify for Bronze by participating in an activity planned by another group.
7	The post or club participates in one or more community service projects during the year. The projects may be completed as joint projects with other organizations. Criteria is based on average hours per Explorer, not total hours for each Explorer.
Volunteer Leadership Measures	
8	Having a sufficient number of adults is a proven indicator of success and longevity. Posts use the measures outlined in Criterion 8A on the reverse side, while clubs use those described in 8B.
9	All adult volunteers have current youth protection training. Registered leaders have completed Adult Explorer Leader Training.

Scoring the post's or club's performance: To determine the performance level, the council will use the above information to measure the points earned for each of the 9 individual criteria and then add those individual point scores to determine a composite score. Bronze level requires earning 600 points in at least 6 criteria, Silver level requires earning 900 points in at least 7 criteria, and Gold level requires earning 1,200 points in at least 7 criteria.

Tiger Cub, Wolf Cub Scout, and Bear Cub Scout

Uniform Inspection Sheet

Uniform Inspection.
Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

20 pts. **General Appearance.** Allow 4 points for each:
- ☐ Good posture
- ☐ Clean face and hands
- ☐ Combed hair
- ☐ Neatly dressed
- ☐ Clean fingernails

Notes _____

5 pts. **Headgear.** Tiger Cub cap, Cub Scout Wolf cap, or Cub Scout Bear cap, according to den.

Notes _____

5 pts. **Neckerchief and Slide.** Triangular. Orange with blue border for Tiger Cubs. Gold with blue border for Cub Scouts working in Wolf book. Light blue with dark blue border for Cub Scouts working in Bear book. Each is secured by a slide for that rank.

Notes _____

15 pts. **Shirt.** Official long- or short-sleeve, navy blue. Wear with either pants or shorts.

Notes _____

15 pts. **Pants/Shorts.** Official navy blue pants or shorts, no cuffs. To be worn with official long- or short-sleeve navy blue shirt.

Notes _____

5 pts. **Belt.** Official navy blue web belt cut to proper length with Tiger Cub or Cub Scout insignia on buckle.

Notes _____

5 pts. **Socks.** Dark blue official socks with orange tops for Tiger Cubs and gold tops for Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts.

Notes _____

5 pts. **Shoes.** Neat and clean.

Notes _____

5 pts. **Registration.** Current membership card or temporary certificate on person.

Notes _____

20 pts. **Insignia.*** Correct placement: left pocket, 5 points; right pocket, 5 points; left sleeve, 5 points; right sleeve, 5 points.

Total Uniform Inspection Score
A perfect score is 100 points.

*For more information about insignia, see the *Insignia Guide*, No. 33066.

Total Uniform Inspection Score ▸

Name _____ Pack No. _____

Den _____

Our unit inspection will be held on

_____.

Bring this form with you.

Tiger Cub, Wolf Cub Scout, and Bear Cub Scout Uniform Inspection Sheet

Official Placement of Insignia

Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

Right Sleeve

5 pts.

- ☐ Wear the U.S. flag, den numeral, and Centennial Quality Unit Award (if earned) as shown. Only the most recently earned Centennial Quality Unit Award may be worn.

Notes _____

Left Sleeve

5 pts.

- ☐ Wear the council shoulder emblem and pack numeral as shown.
- ☐ The veteran unit insignia bar (25, 50, 55, or 60 years), if worn, is centered and touching the council shoulder emblem (above) and unit numeral (below).
- ☐ Denner cord or assistant denner cord is worn over left shoulder.

Notes _____

Right Pocket.

5 pts.

- ☐ Temporary insignia are not necessary in uniform inspection, but if worn, must be centered on the pocket, or hung from the button.
- ☐ Progress Toward Ranks (with thong and beads) is fastened to the button under the right pocket flap with the flap rebuttoned.
- ☐ The National Summertime Award is pinned centered on the right pocket flap.
- ☐ The Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award is worn on the right pocket flap. Each successive time the award is earned, a wolf track pin may be added to the flap.

Notes _____

Left Pocket.

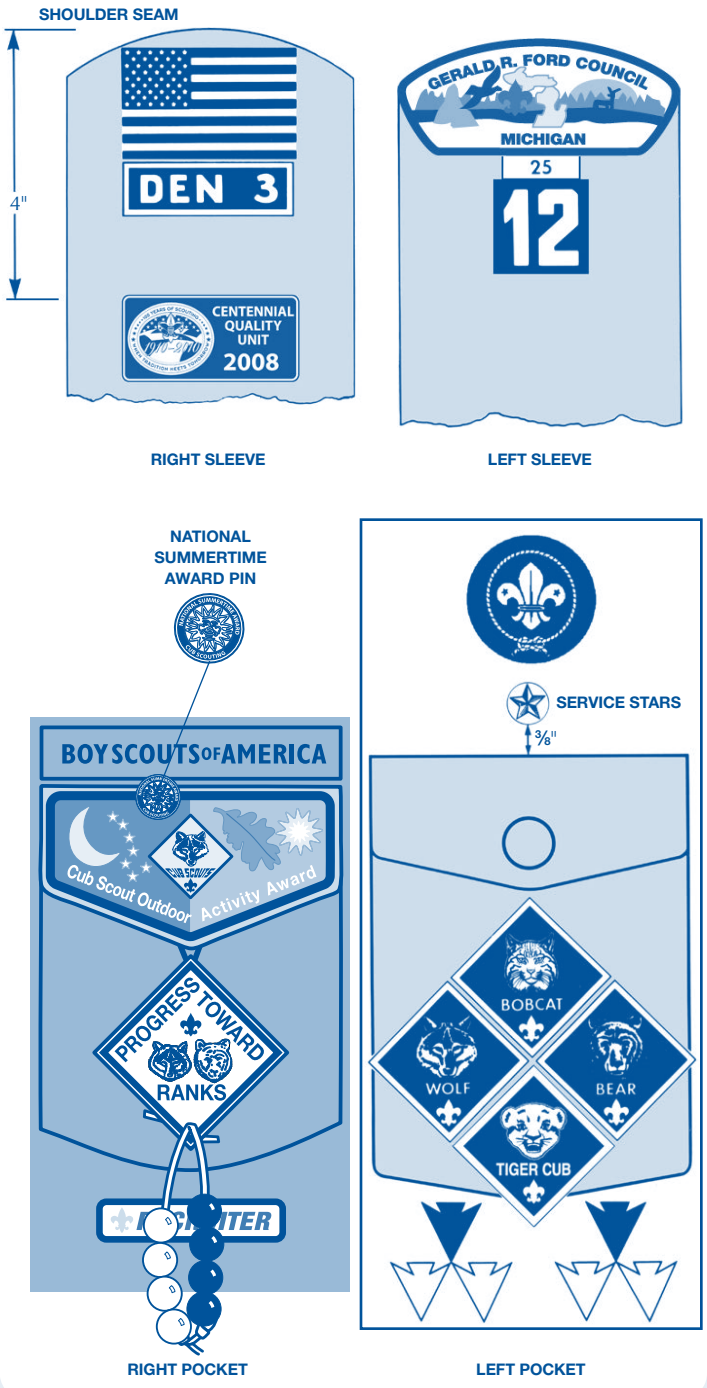
5 pts.

- ☐ Cub Scouts wear badges of rank as shown: Bobcat, Tiger Cub, Wolf, and Bear.
- ☐ Gold Arrow Points are worn beneath the pocket and below the badge for which they were earned.
- ☐ Silver Arrow Points are worn below the Gold Arrow Points in double rows.
- ☐ Wear medals just above the pocket seam, and service stars centered just above medals or knots, or $^3/_8$ inch above seam if no medals are worn.
- ☐ Gold background disks are worn with service stars for Cub Scouting service, including Tiger Cub service.
- ☐ Not more than five medals may be worn.
- ☐ Wearing sequence for medals or knots is at the wearer's discretion.
- ☐ The only knots worn by Cub Scouts are the religious emblem knot and a lifesaving or meritorious award knot.
- ☐ The World Crest is worn centered between the left shoulder seam and the top of the left pocket.

Notes _____

Total Insignia Score *(transfer to other side)*

20 pts.



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Webelos Scout

Uniform Inspection Sheet

Uniform Inspection.
Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

General Appearance. Allow 4 points for each: — *20 pts.*
- ☐ Good posture
- ☐ Clean face and hands
- ☐ Combed hair
- ☐ Neatly dressed
- ☐ Clean fingernails

Notes _____

Headgear. Webelos cap. Webelos activity badges are worn on the plaid front panel of the Webelos cap or on the optional Webelos colors, if selected by the pack. — *5 pts.*

Notes _____

Shirt. Webelos Scouts have the option of wearing either the long- or short-sleeve navy blue shirt and navy blue shorts or pants OR the long- or short-sleeve tan shirt with the official convertible Boy Scout pants or official shorts or pants. The blue shoulder loops are worn on epaulets regardless of the uniform color. — *15 pts.*

Notes _____

Neckwear. Triangular, plaid neckerchief secured by the Webelos rank slide. — *5 pts.*

Notes _____

Pants/Shorts. Webelos Scouts may wear either the official navy blue pants or shorts (with the navy blue shirt), or the official convertible Boy Scout pants (with the tan shirt), or the official Boy Scout pants or shorts (with the tan shirt). — *15 pts.*

Notes _____

Belt. Official navy blue web belt cut to proper length with the Webelos insignia on the buckle. Cub Scout belt loops are worn only on the navy blue belt. Webelos Scouts wearing the optional tan uniform wear the navy blue belt and Webelos buckle. — *5 pts.*

Notes _____

Socks. The official navy blue socks (with gold tops) are worn with the navy blue uniform. The official socks are worn with the official Boy Scout uniform. — *5 pts.*

Notes _____

Shoes. Neat and clean. — *5 pts.*

Notes _____

Registration. Current membership card or temporary certificate on person. — *5 pts.*

Notes _____

Insignia.* Correct placement: left pocket, 5 points; right pocket, 5 points; left sleeve, 5 points; right sleeve, 5 points. — *20 pts.*

Total Uniform Inspection Score
A perfect score is 100 points.

*For more information about insignia, see the *Insignia Guide*, No. 33066.

Total Uniform Inspection Score ▸

Name _____ Pack No. _____

Den _____

Our unit inspection will be held on

_____.

Bring this form with you.

Webelos Scout Uniform Inspection Sheet

Official Placement of Insignia

Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

Right Sleeve

5 pts.

- ☐ Wear the U.S. flag, den numeral, and Centennial Quality Unit Award (if earned) as shown. Only the most recently earned Centennial Quality Unit Award may be worn.
- ☐ Webelos Scouts may wear the den emblem in place of the den numeral.
- ☐ If the pack elects, Webelos Scouts may wear the Webelos colors.
- ☐ Wear the Webelos colors immediately below and touching the U.S. flag if no den numeral is worn.
- ☐ If the den numeral is worn, wear colors below and touching the numeral (as shown).
- ☐ Wear activity badges on the colors if this option is elected.

Notes _____

Left Sleeve

5 pts.

- ☐ Wear the council shoulder emblem and pack numeral as shown.
- ☐ The veteran unit bar (25, 50, 55, or 60 years), if worn, is centered and touching the council shoulder emblem (above) and unit numeral (below).
- ☐ The denner cord or assistant denner cord is worn over the left shoulder.

Notes _____

Right Pocket

5 pts.

- ☐ Temporary insignia are not necessary in uniform inspection, but if worn, the insignia must be centered on the pocket, or hung from the button.
- ☐ The compass points emblem is positioned under the right pocket button, and the flap is buttoned to keep it in place.
- ☐ A metal compass point may be pinned to the emblem for each four activity badges earned subsequently until three compass points have been earned.
- ☐ The National Summertime Award is pinned centered on the right pocket flap.
- ☐ The Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award is worn on the right pocket flap.
- ☐ Each successive time the award is earned, a wolf track pin may be added to the flap.
- ☐ The recruiter strip is worn centered below the right pocket.

Notes _____

Left Pocket

5 pts.

- ☐ Webelos Scouts have the option of wearing the oval-shaped Webelos badge by itself on the tan shirt only; or the diamond-shaped Webelos emblem along with other rank badges on either the tan or navy blue shirt; or if the Tiger Cub emblem was earned, the Webelos diamond-shaped emblem may be worn on either the tan or navy blue shirt by itself and centered on the left pocket.
- ☐ The Arrow of Light Award is worn centered below the pocket of the tan shirt or centered at the top of the pocket flap of the navy blue or tan shirt.
- ☐ Wear medals just above the pocket seam.
- ☐ Wear service stars centered just above the medals or knots, or centered ⅜ inch above the seam if no medals are worn.
- ☐ Gold background disks are worn with service stars for Cub Scouting service, including Tiger Cub service.
- ☐ Not more than five medals may be worn.
- ☐ Wearing sequence for medals or knots is at the wearer's discretion.
- ☐ The only knots worn by Cub Scouts are the religious emblem knot and a lifesaving or meritorious award knot.
- ☐ The World Crest is worn centered between the left shoulder seam and the top of the left pocket, as shown.

Notes _____

Official Boy Scout Uniform Option

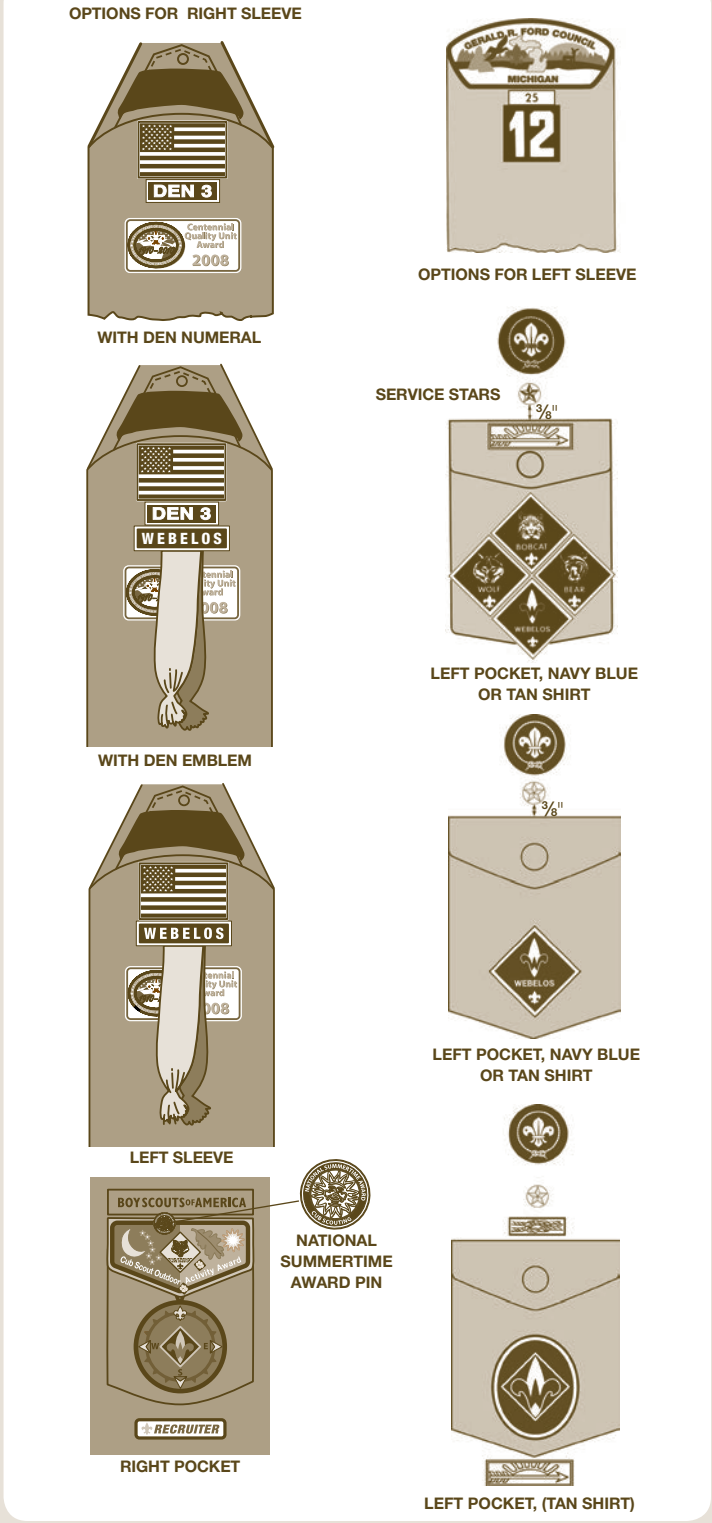
5 pts.

- ☐ Webelos Scouts electing this option wear blue shoulder loops on the epaulets, Webelos neckerchief, and Webelos cap.
- ☐ The navy blue belt is worn with and will fit only the Webelos buckle. Academics and Sports belt loops will fit only on the navy blue belt.
- ☐ Badge placement is the same as for the navy blue uniform.

Notes _____

Total Insignia Score *(transfer to other side)*

30 pts.



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Boy Scout/Varsity Scout

Uniform Inspection Sheet

Uniform Inspection.
Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

Boy Scout Handbook — *15 pts.*

☐ The *Boy Scout Handbook* is considered part of a Scout's uniform.

General Appearance. Allow 2 points for each: — *10 pts.*

- ☐ Good posture
- ☐ Clean face and hands
- ☐ Combed hair
- ☐ Neatly dressed
- ☐ Clean fingernails

Notes _____

Headgear. All troop members must wear the headgear chosen by vote of the troop/team. — *5 pts.*

Notes _____

Shirt and Neckwear. Official shirt or official long- or short-sleeve uniform shirt with green or blaze orange shoulder loops on epaulets. The troop/team may vote to wear a neckerchief, bolo tie, or no neckwear. In any case, the collar should be unbuttoned. The troop/team has the choice of wearing the neckerchief over the turned-under collar or under the open collar. — *10 pts.*

Notes _____

Pants/Shorts. Official pants or official uniform pants or shorts; no cuffs. (Units have no option to change.) — *10 pts.*

Notes _____

Belt. Official Boy Scout web with BSA insignia on buckle; or official leather with international-style buckle or buckle of your choice, worn only if voted by the troop/team. Members wear one of the belts chosen by vote of the troop/team. — *5 pts.*

Notes _____

Socks. Official socks with official shorts or pants. (Long socks are optional with shorts.) — *5 pts.*

Notes _____

Shoes. Leather or canvas, neat and clean. — *5 pts.*

Notes _____

Registration. Current membership card or temporary certificate on person. — *5 pts.*

Notes _____

Uniform points. ***Total points from above*** (70 possible)

Insignia.* Correct placement: left pocket, 5 points; right pocket, 5 points; left sleeve, 5 points; right sleeve, 5 points; merit badge sash, 5 points; shoulder epaulets, 5 points.
Insignia points from reverse (30 possible)

Total Uniform Inspection Score
Uniform and insignia points combined.
A perfect score is 100 points.

*For more information about insignia, see the *Insignia Guide,* No. 33066.

Total Uniform Inspection Score ▸

Name _____ Troop/Team No. _____

Patrol/Squad _____

Our unit inspection will be held on

_____.

Bring this form with you.

Boy Scout/Varsity Scout Uniform Inspection Sheet

Official Placement of Insignia

Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

Merit Badge Sash

5 pts.

- ☐ If worn, **merit badges** are attached to front (and back, if needed) of sash.
- ☐ **Venture/Varsity letter** is attached at bottom front corner.
- ☐ **Temporary insignia** may be worn on back.

Notes _____

Shoulder Epaulets

5 pts.

- ☐ Green shoulder loops identify Boy Scouting (all members of a troop).
- ☐ Blaze (orange) loops identify Varsity Scouting.

Notes _____

Right Sleeve

5 pts.

- ☐ **U.S. flag emblem** centered directly below shoulder seam. Only the most recently earned **Journey to Excellence recognition** may be worn below patrol emblem or below the National Honor Patrol star.
- ☐ **Musician badge,** if in band or drum corps, is worn ½ inch below patrol emblem.

Notes _____

Left Sleeve

5 pts.

- ☐ **Council shoulder emblem,** unit numeral, and veteran unit bar are worn as shown snug up, and touching each other.
- ☐ On the official shirt, the **badge of office** is centered on the pocket, as shown. On the official uniform shirt, the **badge of office** is centered and touching the unit numeral, or centered 4 inches below the shoulder seam.
- ☐ On the shirt, the **Trained Leader emblem** is centered as shown at the top of the pocket flap. On the official uniform shirt the **veteran unit bar** (25, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, or 80 years) is positioned above and touching troop numeral and in turn touching council emblem.
- ☐ **Den chief cord** is worn over the left shoulder, under epaulet.

Notes _____

Right Pocket

5 pts.

- ☐ **Jamboree insignia** (only one) worn above BSA or interpreter strip.
- ☐ **Order of the Arrow lodge insignia** worn on pocket flap.
- ☐ **Temporary insignia** worn centered on the pocket or hung from the button.
- ☐ The **Varsity or Venture strip** is worn above the BSA strip or above the interpreter strip.
- ☐ **Nameplate,** if worn, is centered above the BSA strip, interpreter strip, and Venture or Varsity strip.

Notes _____

Left Pocket

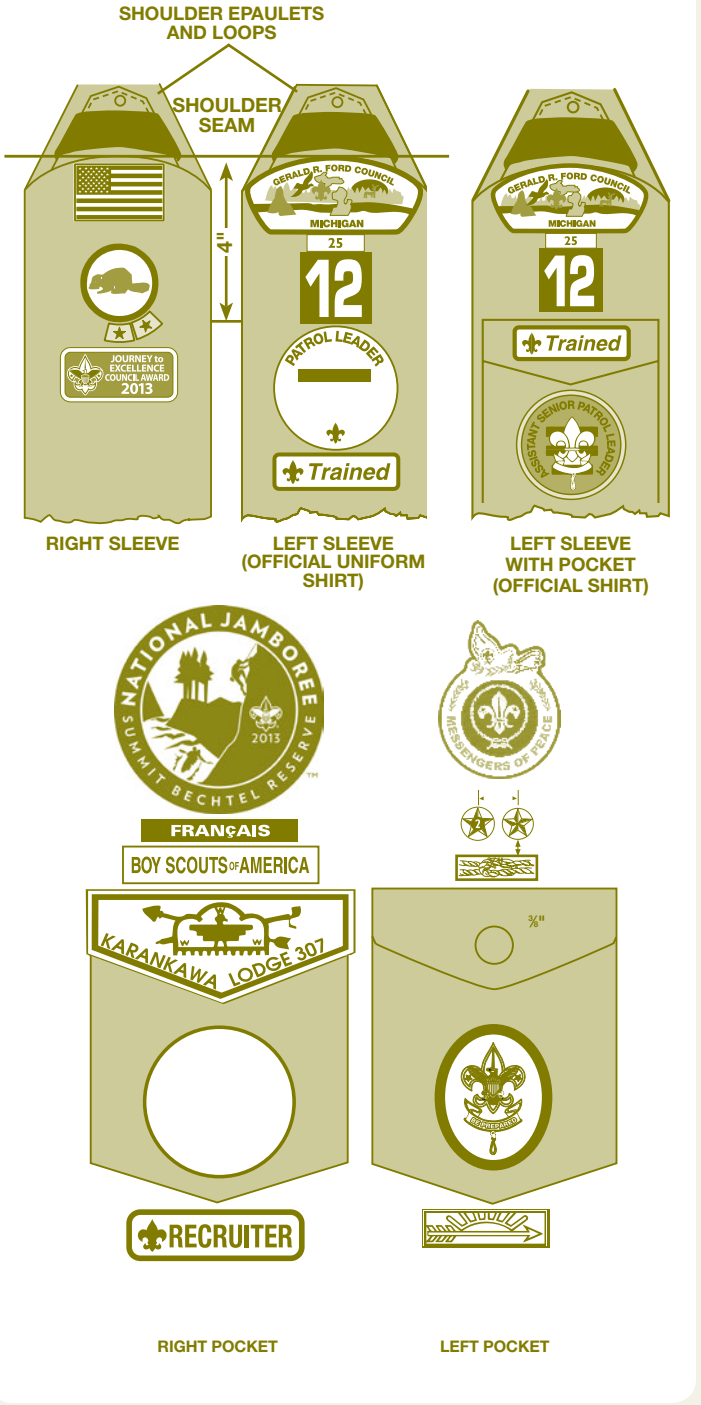
5 pts.

- ☐ **Service stars** are centered above the pocket, ¾ inch from top point to top point and ⅜ inch from either the pocket or embroidered knots.
- ☐ **Embroidered square knots** are worn centered above the pocket in rows of three.
- ☐ Not more than five medals may be worn, pinned centered immediately above the pocket (extending over knots if both are worn).
- ☐ The order of wearing knots and medals is at the wearer's discretion; typically the medal or knot the wearer deems most important is worn to the wearer's right.
- ☐ **Badges of rank** are worn centered on the pocket above the Arrow of Light Award, as shown.
- ☐ The **World Crest emblem** and **Messengers of Peace ring** are worn centered horizontally over the left pocket and vertically between the left shoulder seam and the top of the pocket.

Notes _____

Total Insignia Score *(transfer to other side)*

30 pts.



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Scout Leader

Uniform Inspection Sheet

Uniform Inspection.
Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

Attendance. Presence at inspection merits 15 points.
15 pts.
Notes _____

Headgear. Headgear is optional.
5 pts.
☐ *Boy Scout leaders* wear the olive visor cap, campaign hat, or troop-approved headgear.
☐ *Varsity Scout leaders* wear the blaze visor cap.
☐ *Cub Scout pack leaders* wear the olive visor cap.
☐ *Den leaders* wear the same visored cap as the youth they serve.

Notes _____

Shirt/Blouse and Neckwear. New long or short sleeves, or official long or short sleeves with appropriate loops on epaulets. Neckwear is optional but must be worn according to specifications in the *Insignia Guide.*
20 pts.
☐ *Male Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders* wear the long- or short-sleeve uniform or official shirt.
☐ *Female Cub Scout leaders* wear either the official long- or short-sleeve yellow blouse, official long- or short-sleeve shirt, or the official long- or short-sleeve uniform blouse.
☐ *Female Boy Scout leaders* wear the official shirt or official long- or short sleeve uniform blouse.

Notes _____

Pants/Shorts. Units have no option to change.
20 pts.
☐ *Male Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders* wear the official pants or the official uniform shorts or pants with no cuffs.
☐ *Female Cub Scout leaders* wear the pants or the official navy blue shorts, skirt, or pants with the yellow blouse, or the official pants or official uniform shorts or pants with the official shirt or blouse.

Notes _____

Belt
5 pts.
☐ *Male leaders* wear the official web belt or official leather belt with the buckle of their choice.
☐ *Female leaders* wear the official navy blue Cub Scout or Webelos Scout buckle with navy blue pants, or the official web belt or official leather belt with the buckle of their choice with official pants or official uniform shorts or pants.

Notes _____

Socks
5 pts.
☐ *Male Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders* wear olive socks with official pants or official uniform shorts or pants.
☐ *Female leaders* wear the blue socks with the blue shorts or pants, or the olive socks with official pants or official uniform shorts or pants.

Shoes
5 pts.
☐ Must be neat and clean.

Notes _____

Uniform points. Total points from above *(75 possible)*

Insignia.* Correct epaulets, 5 points. Correct placement on left sleeve, 5 points; right sleeve, 5 points; left pocket, 5 points; right pocket, 5 points. Use the checklist on the reverse of this form to help determine score.
***Insignia points from reverse* (25 possible)**

Total Uniform Inspection Score
Uniform and insignia points combined. A perfect score is 100 points.

*For more information about insignia, see the *Insignia Guide,* No. 33066.

Total Uniform Inspection Score ▶

Name _____ Unit No. _____

Address _____ District _____

Office or position in unit _____

Our unit inspection will be held on

_____.

Bring this form with you.

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Scout Leader Uniform Inspection Sheet

Official Placement of Insignia

Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

Shoulder Epaulets

5 pts.

☐ Scouters wear the color shoulder loop of the program in which they are serving: blue, Cub Scouting; green, Boy Scouting; blaze (orange), Varsity Scouting; green, Venturing; silver, council and district; gold, regional and national.

Notes _____

Right Sleeve

5 pts.

☐ **U.S. flag emblem** centered directly below shoulder seam
☐ **Den or emblem numeral,** if applicable, below and touching the flag
☐ **Centennial Quality Unit Award** (most recent only), if applicable, 4 inches below the shoulder seam

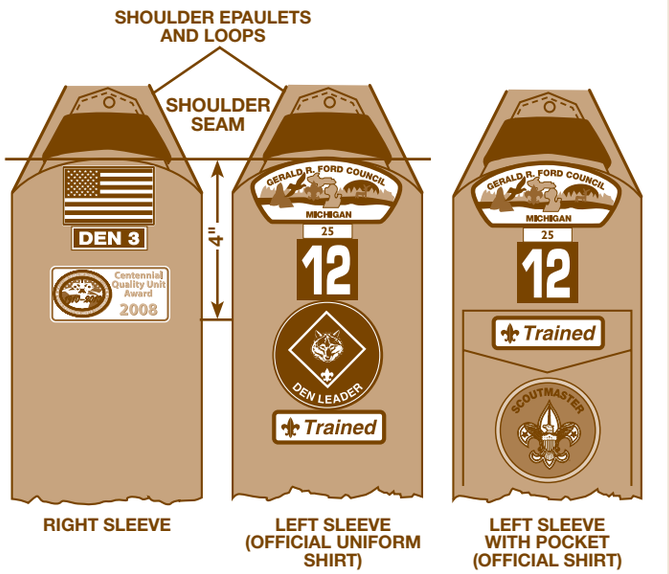
Notes _____

Left Sleeve

5 pts.

☐ **Council shoulder patch** is directly below the shoulder seam.
☐ **Veteran unit bar,** if worn, is centered and touching the council shoulder patch (above) and unit numeral (below).
☐ **Unit numeral,** if worn, is centered directly underneath and touching the council patch or veteran unit bar.
☐ On the official shirt, the **badge of office** is centered on the pocket, as shown. On the official uniform shirt, the **badge of office** is centered and touching the unit numeral, or centered 4 inches below the shoulder seam.
☐ When earned, the **Trained leader strip** is centered at the top of the pocket flap on the official shirt. On the official uniform shirt, it is centered as shown, touching the badge of office.

Notes _____



Right Pocket

5 pts.

☐ **Boy Scouts of America strip** is centered above the pocket.
☐ **Order of the Arrow lodge insignia** is worn on the pocket flap.
☐ **Current national Scout jamboree insignia** is centered above the BSA strip and any other items above the pocket.
☐ **Optional insignia,** if worn, is placed in the following order, from the BSA strip upward: *interpreter strip, Venture or Varsity strip, name plate.* The name plate may be worn on the pocket flap if no lodge insignia is worn.
☐ **Temporary insignia,** including one current world Scout jamboree patch, centered on pocket. Only one temporary insignia may be worn at a time, and they are not required for correct uniforming. *Cub Scout leaders and female leaders* wearing the official uniform shirt or blouse may wear one temporary insignia centered above the Boy Scouts of America strip.

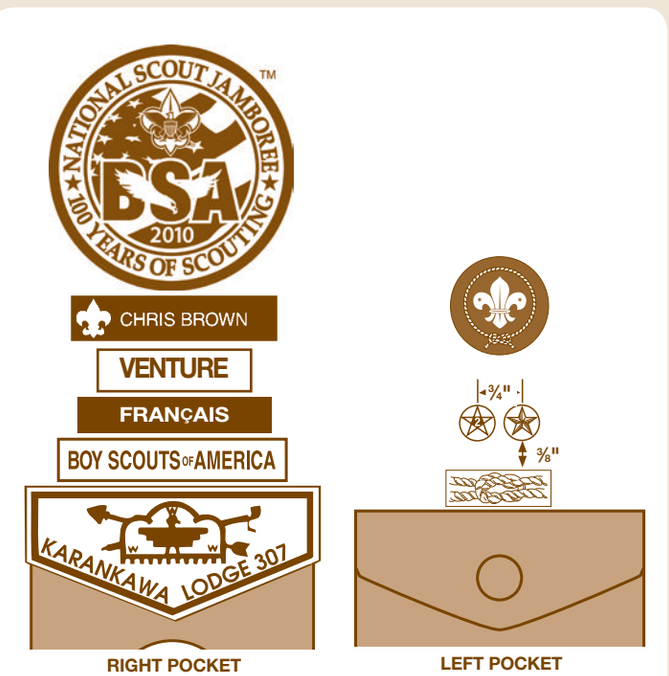
Notes _____

Left Pocket

5 pts.

☐ **World Crest emblem** is centered between the left shoulder seam and the top of the left pocket.
☐ **Embroidered square knots** are centered above the pocket in rows of three.
☐ **Service stars** are centered above the pocket, ¾ inch from top point to top point and ⅜ inch from either the pocket or embroidered knots.

Notes _____



Total insignia score (transfer to other side)

25 pts.

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MEETING PLACE INSPECTION
Checklist
For Packs, Troops, Teams, and Crews

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Unit No. _____
Meeting night _____
Name of organization _____
_____
Location _____
_____
District _____

NOTE TO INSPECTORS: A responsibility of the unit's chartered organization is to provide adequate meeting facilities. Unit committee members should make the inspection. Findings should be shared with the head of the institution, and plans should be made to correct hazards if any are found.

THE BUILDING

Name _____ Address _____

Construction: frame ☐ brick ☐ metal ☐ other _____

Type of roofing: shake ☐ composition ☐ metal ☐ other _____

Type of heating plant: gas ☐ oil ☐ wood ☐ electric ☐ other _____

Meeting room location: basement ☐ ground ☐ above first floor ☐

Telephone location: _____ Accessible yes ☐ no ☐ Emergency numbers posted yes ☐ no ☐

THE ROOM

YES	NO		YES	NO	
_____	_____	Large enough?	_____	_____	Adequate lighting?
_____	_____	Well heated? (between 62°F and 70°F)	_____	_____	Hand-washing facility?
_____	_____	Well ventilated?	_____	_____	Clean toilet facility?
_____	_____	Dry?	_____	_____	Sanitary drinking facility?
_____	_____	Clean?	_____	_____	Emergency flashlights on hand?
_____	_____	Windows in good condition?	_____	_____	First-aid kits on hand?
_____	_____	Floor in good condition?			

EXITS

YES	NO		YES	NO	
_____	_____	Two or more emergency exits available?	_____	_____	Exit signs installed?
_____	_____	Unlocked and easily accessible?	_____	_____	Exit signs lighted?
_____	_____	Sufficiently far apart?	_____	_____	All doors swing out?
_____	_____	Crash bar on doors?			

IF ROOM IS ABOVE FIRST FLOOR:

YES	NO		YES	NO	
_____	_____	Close to stairs (less than 100 feet)?	_____	_____	Carpet or treads secure?
_____	_____	Doors and stairs unobstructed, litter free?	_____	_____	Stairway enclosed?
_____	_____	Stairs in good repair?	_____	_____	Enclosures fitted with fire doors?
_____	_____	Stair handrail provided?	_____	_____	Outside fire escape installed?
_____	_____	Stairway lighted?	_____	_____	Fire escape in good repair?
_____	_____	Stairs wide enough for two persons?	_____	_____	Fire escape used for fire drills?

FIRE PROTECTION

YES	NO		YES	NO	
____	____	Portable extinguisher available and properly located?	____	____	Heating system inspected within a year?
		Extinguisher is suitable for the following types of fires:	____	____	Walls, ceilings, floors protected from stoves or pipes overheating?
____	____	A. Ordinary combustibles	____	____	Open fireplaces protected by screens?
____	____	B. Flammable liquids	____	____	Electric wiring, switches, extension cords in good repair?
____	____	C. Electrical equipment			
____	____	Extinguisher ready for use? (should be tagged to show inspection within one year)	____	____	Accessible telephone in building?
____	____	Any hazard from rubbish or flammable material?	____	____	Fire department number posted?
____	____	Any hazard from oily rags or mops? (spontaneous combustion)	____	____	Location of nearest fire alarm known to all members?
____	____	Smoke alarm system installed and tested?	____	____	Alarm procedure taught to members?

FIRE DRILL

YES	NO		YES	NO	
____	____	Has the unit an organization plan for conducting fire drills?	____	____	Are members able to evacuate building if filled with smoke or if lights go out?
____	____	Is a fire plan posted on the unit bulletin board?	____	____	Do training drills include use of alternate exits?
____	____	Are fire evacuation drills practiced frequently?	____	____	Are members trained in home firesafety plan and exit drill?
____	____	Was a drill demonstrated or taught to members at inspection time?			

RECOMMENDATIONS

Write your detailed recommendations below (or on a separate sheet attached to this report.) Please note any other conditions which are hazardous to health, personal safety, or firesafety.

INSPECTORS' SIGNATURES _____ _____

_____ _____

Date of inspection _____ Unit leader in attendance _____
name

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION RECORD

Did the chartered organization representative participate in the inspection? Yes ☐ No ☐

Report reviewed by:

_____ _____ _____

chartered organization representative | head of organization | unit committee

Action taken:

Public Relations

Sharing Your Scout Success Stories with the Media and Fellow Scout Leaders

Contact your District Executive to share information and photos about your Scouts' great activities! The media (newspapers, TV, radio, magazines) is frequently looking for positive stories to share with their audiences. Some examples are:

- Scouting anniversary activities in February (breakfasts, flag presentations, service projects, Blue and Gold banquets, recognition dinners, letters to the Editor, Proclamations, etc.)
- Klondike winter campouts (sled races, snow caves, snowshoeing, cross country skiing)
- Service Projects (Scouting for Food, park and highway clean ups, snow shoveling, Christmas Caroling, Coat Drives, restoring historic treasures, Veterans' Day programs, Order of the Arrow projects, community gardens, proper disposal of tattered U.S. flags, Christmas gifts for the needy, etc.)
- Chariot Races (chariots made out of cardboard boxes raced by Cub Scouts)
- Eagle Scout Projects (building baseball field for handicapped children, bridge at State Park, storage shelves at church, handicap ramp at Homeless Shelter or Veterans' Memorials at a cemetery; painting project at a main City underpass, planning activity day at a Care Facility, assisting a school food pantry etc.)
- Breakfasts (Fundraising, Veterans' Day)
- Explorers' career development units (law enforcement, medical, etc.)
- Lifesaving actions (saving hunters from carbon Monoxide poisoning, performing CPR on heart attack victim, saving child from attacking pit bull, etc.)
- Camping (K-M Climbing Tower, Camp Melita Island's water activities, Camp Arcola's activities, no trace camping, ultralight backpacking at the MT. High Adventure Base (MOHAB), Cub Day Camps, etc.)
- Scout Jamborees (Council, National, International, On the Air)
- Cub Scout Races (Pinewood Derby, Rain Gutter Regatta, Space derbies)
- Scout Shows, Parades
- Environmental projects (William T. Hornaday award)
- Religious activities and Awards

The Montana Council sponsors two special events each year - selecting Outstanding Units for their activities during Scout Anniversary Month in February and the Annual Photo Contest each Fall. Find details on the Council website (www.montanabsa.org), our Facebook page (Montana Council, Boy Scouts of America—"like" us!), our Twitter account at #Montanacouncil or our council's e-newsletter. Your District Executive can assist you with questions.

Recruiting PSA's (TV and Radio) are available at www.scouting.org/Home/Marketing.aspx. In addition to these materials, you can also find logos, images, fact-sheets and printed collateral.

Thank you for volunteering to lead Montana Scouts in one of the best Councils in the United States!

"The real way to gain happiness is to give it to others."

Lord Robert Baden Powell, Founder of the Boy Scouts

Order of the Arrow

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is Scouting's National Honor Society,

a Brotherhood of honor campers.

OA uses the traditions and trappings of Native American life and legend to help effect its purpose.

As Scouting's National Honor Society our purpose is to:

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition
- Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventures, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year round, and at summer camp
- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit, and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately, our nation
- Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others

The Order of the Arrow, as a component of BSA, recognizes all of the above qualities of purpose and strives to help ensure its members set the example of citizenship at its finest!

Apoxky Aio Lodge — www.apoxkyaio.com

My.Scouting.org

www.My.Scouting.org provides a variety of materials, from quick references to complete training courses, all designed to help members improve leadership skills and deliver a quality unit program. This site provides an opportunity for members to manage their training records, registration for National BSA events, join a growing community of Scouting, and even review the training records of other adults to manage the needed qualifications for your unit's program.

The steps in setting up your personal profile are as follows:

1. You must have an e-mail account.
2. Members must have a membership ID number which is listed on your membership card or may be obtained by contacting a Council Service Center. You can take training courses without your membership ID number, but your completion of them will not be reflected in our records until your membership ID number has been added to your profile. Once you have received your membership ID number, you will need to log into MyScouting.org and update your profile by clicking on "update your profile" to receive credit for completed training. Additionally, some features of MyScouting.org will not be fully functional until this step is complete.
3. Go to www.My.Scouting.org
4. On the main page, go to create an account.
5. Follow the online directions for creating an account.
6. With this account you can do the following:

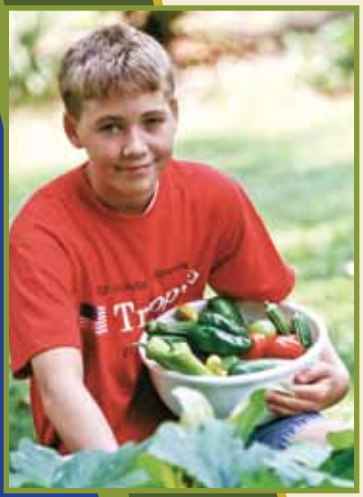
   Take Youth Protection & other BSA training

   Access unit, district, and council tools

   Register for events

   Keep in touch with members and alumni

Questions or concerns? Please contact your Council Service Center at 406-761-6000 or my.scouting@scouting.org



SCOUTStrong™ PALA

BSA Unit Leader Quick-Start Guide

What Is the SCOUTStrong™ PALA?

The SCOUTStrong™ Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA) Challenge will help your unit members add physical activity to their lifestyle, as well as help them improve their eating habits.

Who Should Be Involved?

This challenge is for Scouts and their entire families, as well as for leaders and their families.

How Is the SCOUTStrong™ Earned?

To earn the SCOUTStrong™ PALA Challenge Award, participants are required to meet a daily activity goal of 30 minutes a day for adults and 60 minutes a day for kids under 18 for at least five days a week, for six out of eight weeks. Also, each week they will focus on a healthy eating goal. There are eight to choose from, and each week they will add a new goal while continuing with their previous goals. Stick with the program, and participants can earn a SCOUTStrong™ PALA award patch in less than two months.

How Do I Get My Unit Started?

Participants can enroll and track their progress either online with a free online activity tracker or on a paper activity log (see reverse side) or downloading an activity log at www.scouting.org/SCOUTStrongPALA.

Online Activity Tracker Participant Directions

- ❏ Visit www.scouting.org/SCOUTStrongPALA.
- ❏ Use the appropriate dropdown menu to pick the appropriate state based on desired council/organization location.
- ❏ Use the appropriate dropdown menu to pick the desired council/organization.
- ❏ Click the START YOUR PALA CHALLENGE! button.
- ❏ At the PALA page of the affiliated council/organization, click CREATE AN ACCOUNT.
- ❏ Complete the required fields and click REGISTER.
- ❏ The activity tracker home page is what will appear at each login. The home page allows participants to track their activities, join a group, see their award progress, and adjust their account preferences.

For more information, including access to completion certificates, please go to www.scouting.org/SCOUTStrongPALA.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

SCOUTStrong™ PALA Activity Log

Participant name _____ Age _____ Date started _____

Council name _____ Date started _____

Verification

I certify that I met the requirements of the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award.

❑ I was physically active for at least five days each week, and I met my healthy eating goals.

❑ I have performed my healthy eating and physical activities for at least six weeks.

Participant signature _____

Supervising adult's signature (if applicable) _____

Note: Submit this paper log to your Scout leader, or keep for your own records. Please do not submit to the President's Challenge office.

WEEK 1

Day	Physical Activities	No. of minutes or pedometer steps
Mon		
Tue		
Wed		
Thu		
Fri		
Sat		
Sun		

Healthy Eating—Select a goal this week

WEEK 2

Day	Physical Activities	No. of minutes or pedometer steps
Mon		
Tue		
Wed		
Thu		
Fri		
Sat		
Sun		

Healthy Eating—Circle and continue with last week's goal, and add a new goal.

WEEK 3

Day	Physical Activities	No. of minutes or pedometer steps
Mon		
Tue		
Wed		
Thu		
Fri		
Sat		
Sun		

Healthy Eating—Circle and continue with last week's goal, and add a new goal.

WEEK 4

Day	Physical Activities	No. of minutes or pedometer steps
Mon		
Tue		
Wed		
Thu		
Fri		
Sat		
Sun		

Healthy Eating—Circle and continue with last week's goal, and add a new goal.

WEEK 5

Day	Physical Activities	No. of minutes or pedometer steps
Mon		
Tue		
Wed		
Thu		
Fri		
Sat		
Sun		

Healthy Eating—Circle and continue with last week's goal, and add a new goal.

WEEK 6

Day	Physical Activities	No. of minutes or pedometer steps
Mon		
Tue		
Wed		
Thu		
Fri		
Sat		
Sun		

Healthy Eating—Circle and continue with last week's goal, and add a new goal.

Healthy Eating Goals

I filled my plate with fruits and vegetables.

At least half of the grains that I consumed were whole grains.

I chose fat-free or low-fat (1 percent) milk, yogurt, or cheese.

I drank water instead of sugary drinks.

I chose lean sources of protein.

I compared sodium in foods such as soup and frozen meals and chose foods with less sodium.

I ate seafood this week.

I ate smaller portions.

Instructions: **Online**—Create an online account at www.scouting.org/SCOUTStrongPALA. Choose the council or BSA organization with which you want to be affiliated and complete the registration process. Once you achieve your PALA, you'll be eligible to receive your patch and certificate. **Paper**—Use this log to track your progress. Once completed, you should self-certify the results at the top of this log and submit to your Scout leader.

Advancement Policies & Procedures

What Is Advancement?

Advancement is the process by which youth members of the Boy Scouts of America progress from rank to rank in the Scouting program. Advancement is simply a means to an end, not an end in itself. Everything done to advance and earn these ranks, from joining until leaving the program, should be designed to help the young person have an exciting and meaningful experience. Advancement is one of several methods designed to carry out the Aims and Mission of the Boy Scouts of America. Advancement for Montana Council youth is governed by the current BSA Guide to Advancement. The 2013 - 2014 version is available from the Council office. Each unit in our Council is encouraged to have a copy of this essential guide close at hand!

Education and fun are functions of the Scouting movement, and they must be the basis of the advancement program.
A fundamental principle of advancement in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, and Venturing is the growth a young person achieves as a result of his/her participation in a unit program.

Advancement Principles

Council and district advancement committees implement procedures that help achieve the following advance- ment principles.

Personal growth is the prime consideration in the advancement program. Scouting skills—what a young person knows how to do—are important, but they are not the most important aspect of advancement. Scouting's goal is the total growth of youth. This growth may be measured by how youth live the Scouting ideals and how they do their part in their daily lives.

Learning by doing. A Cub Scout, Boy Scout, or Venturer may read about first aid, or any other topic for that matter. A Scout may hear it discussed, and watch others in action, but a Scout has not learned first aid until a Scout has done first aid.

Each youth progresses at his or her own rate. Advancement is not a competition among individual young people, but is an expression of their interest and participation in the program. Youth must be encouraged to advance steadily and set their own goals with guidance from their parents, guardians, or leaders.

A badge is recognition of what a young person is able to do, not merely a reward for what he or she has done. The badge is proof of certain abilities and is not just a reward for the completion of a task.

Advancement encourages Scouting ideals. Scouting teaches a young person how to care for himself/herself and help others. Advancement should reflect the desire to live by the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, or Venturing
Oath in his/her daily life.

Advancement in the Four Scouting Program Phases

Advancement is one of the methods used to achieve the aims of Scouting in all four phases of the Scouting program (Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, and Venturing). The aims of Scouting are character building, citizenship training, and physical and mental fitness.

Cub Scouting
The Cub Scout program in the den and pack is the basis for Cub Scout advancement. The steps in Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, and Webelos Scout advancement procedures are preparation, qualification, and recognition.

Boy Scouting
The Boy Scout requirements for rank are the basis for a Boy Scout's advancement. The four steps in the Boy Scout advancement procedure are: learning, testing, reviewing, and recognition.

Varsity Scouting
The Varsity Scout requirements for rank advancement are the same as for Boy Scouts. However, the advancement program is supervised by a youth member called an advancement program manager, who is assisted by an adult on the team committee.

Venturing
A male Venturer who has achieved the First Class rank as a Boy Scout in a troop or as a Varsity Scout in a team may continue working toward the Eagle Scout rank as a Venturer until his 18th birthday. All Venturers may work towards recognition such as the Ranger, Silver and Quartermaster awards, just to name a few.

How Advancement is Recorded

Advancement is not officially recognized until it has been submitted to the Council on an advancement report. Advancement reports may be picked up in either Council Service Center. Advancement can only be recognized for youth registered in the unit at the time it is processed.

Merit Badge Counselors must be registered as such and for the badges they would like to counsel. There is no fee to serve as a Merit Badge Counselor. Merit Badge Counselors are not unit registrants, even when they indicate that they only wish to work with one unit. As such, their application only needs to be signed by the applicant and then submitted to the Council for the Scout Executive or Designee's signature. The applicant would use position code 42 and a position description of "Merit Badge Counselor" on their application.

Internet Advancement

Internet advancement is a link available on the bottom of the Montana Council home page www.montanabsa.org

Internet Advancement allows you to enter youth advancements, awards, and merit badges and perform the following actions:

- Select members from your existing roster
- Review, update, or add ranks, merit badges, and/or awards
- Access an online Review Unit Roster feature and the Unit Advancement Summary
- Print an Advancement Report with a Unit Awards Summary to assist in purchasing.

Before beginning Internet Advancement, collect all member information, including advancement records, award records, and merit badge applications with the appropriate signatures. To complete Internet Advancement, you must be connected to a printer to print the final report.

For assistance, you can consult the "help" button for instructions on using Internet Advancement on the Internet Advancement link of the Council home page www.montanabsa.org

Advancement Reports
Reports are available by clicking on "Advancement Forms" on the Internet Advancement link at the bottom of the Council home page www.montanabsa.org

Adobe Acrobat Reader
You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to view the final print version of the advancement report. If you do not have it, you can download the Adobe Reader on the Internet Advancement link on the bottom of the Council home page www.montanabsa.org

Tour and Activity Plan

In our continuing effort to try and make things as easy as possible for our unit leaders, we have modified our Tour and Activity plan process. A new digital form is designed to make your job as a unit leader easier. There is only one form to fill out and it is known as the Tour and Activity Plan.

To use this forms you will need a PDF reader. Please visit: http://get.adobe.com/reader/ to download and install Adobe Acrobat Reader. This software is usually installed on most computers; however it is always nice to get the latest version.

The Tour and Activity Plan is intended to be filled out whenever a unit is traveling outside their typical meeting place and to an event that is not hosted by the District or Council.

Important information needed when filling out a Tour and Activity Plan:

1. Vehicle list—drivers for the outing must be indicated. Please review Safe Driving Guidelines prior to your trip.
2. BSA Policy requires at least two adult leaders (at least one must be age 21 or older) on all BSA activities. At least one registered adult who has completed BSA Youth Protection and Hazardous Weather training must be present on all events and activities.
3. Training ***requirements***:
   Hazardous Weather Training-at least on adult attending the activity
   Youth Protection Training-at least one adult attending the activity
   Other training may be required based on the activities the unit is participating in.
   Please see the Tour Plan worksheet and Guide to Safe Scouting for additional requirements.
4. Training ***recommendations***:
   Basic First Aid and CPR-All trips (Montana Council requires this at any Council Camping Facility)
   Wilderness First Aid-All backcountry adventures (This is required for any National High Adventure Base)
5. A float plan must be submitted with the Tour Plan for all activities taking place on moving water. (example: canoe or rafting trips on a river) The Montana Council flowing water protocol must be followed on all float trips.
6. The Boy Scouts Health and Medical Record must be in possession of the Activity Leader for Scout sponsored activities. A physician signature is required only on trips of greater than 72 hours.
7. If your unit is participating in orientation flights, the flight plan must be filed with the Tour Plan.
8. *New Requirement:* The signature of the registered Unit Committee Chair or Chartered Organization Representative is required on all Tour and Activity Plans. The Adult Leader is the second required signature.
9. A point of contact not attending the activity and their phone number and email are required.

Failure to file a tour plan does not relieve units or their leadership from abiding by the rules and regulations of the BSA. The Council is committed to providing a safe, fun environment for youth to enjoy, and protecting adult leaders from undue risk of litigation. Compliance to these Tour and Activity Plan guidelines ensures that the BSA is fulfilling its obligation to provide for the well-being and safety of its membership. Up to date information can be found at www.montanabsa.org

The Tour and Activity Plan can be found at www.montanabsa.org > Volunteers > National and Council Forms > Tour and Activity Plan

Insurance Information for BSA Volunteers

Comprehensive General Liability Insurance
This coverage provides primary general liability coverage for registered volunteer Scouters with respect to claims arising out of an official Scouting activity with the exception that the coverage is excess over any insurance which may be available to the volunteer for loss arising from the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle or water craft. This insurance is only available while the vehicle or water craft is in the actual use of a Scouting unit and being used for a Scouting purpose. Coverage is more than 15 million for bodily injury and property damage. Because of the high limits, volunteers should NOT be placed in a position where their assets are jeopardized because of a negligence liability claim or lawsuit.

Automobile Liability Insurance
All vehicles MUST be covered by a liability insurance policy. The amount of this coverage must meet or exceed the insurance requirement in the state in which the vehicle is licensed. It is recommended, however, that coverage limits are at least $50,000/$100,000/$50,000. Any vehicle carrying 10 or more passengers is required to have limits of $100,000/ $500,000/$100,000 or $500,000 single limit. In the case of rented vehicles the requirement of coverage limits can be met by combining the limits of personal coverage carried by the driver with coverage carried by the owner of the rented vehicle. All vehicles used in travel outside the United States must carry a liability insurance policy that complies with or exceeds the requirements of that country.
A Tour Plan is required when units travel overnight or outside their regular meeting place. These Plans should list the driver's names, vehicles, and limits of automobile liability insurance carried. Leaders should file a completed Tour Plan 21 days prior to the planned activity.

Council Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan (HSR)
This accident and sickness insurance is provided for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Exploring participants, and adult volunteer leaders registered in the Council, and covers them for accidents and sickness (as well as accidental death and dismemberment) while participating in any official Scouting activity. This coverage is applied for by the Council and is in effect on an annual basis. Additional information on coverage, limits, etc. may be obtained by contacting the Montana Council.

All accidents or serious illness requiring medical treatment need to be reported to the Montana Council. Any volunteer who receives a summons should report this to the Montana Council immediately.

Staff Contacts

When the time comes that you need additional support, use this contact list to quickly find support. If you are not sure which district you are in, please call the council office at 406-761-6000.

Executive Contacts

Council Executive Staff

Scout Executive/CEO	Gordon Rubard	(406)761-6000	gordon.rubard@scouting.org
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Chief Development Officer	Jory Dellinger	(406)926-1810	jory.dellinger@scouting.org
Chief Financial Officer	Laura Craig	(406)761-6000	laura.craig@scouting.org
Director of Merchandise	Deb Kovalicky	(406)926-1810	deb.kovalicky@scouting.org
Chief Program Officer	Peter Jones	(406)431-2705	peter.jones@scouting.org
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District Director	Matt Specht	(406)855-5817	matt.specht@scouting.org
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Senior District Executive	Dustin Shoemake	(406)403-5675	dustin.shoemake@scouting.org
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District Director	Joe Toro	(406)603-0904	joe.toro@scouting.org

Please visit us at www.montanabsa.org for contact information for key District volunteers.

Staff Contacts (cont.)

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Field Office & Scout Store - Bozeman

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Help By Topic

This topical list can help you identify which team member can assist you with something not addressed within this planning guide. Once you have identified who can help you, use the previous two pages to find their contact information.

Topic	Contact(s)
Accounting & Accounts Payable	Laura Craig/Deby Gunter
Adult Leader Training	Shon Ostler
Advancement Records	Lucy Sattoriva
Camp Arcola	Peter Jones
Camp Grizzly Base	Peter Jones
Camp K-M	Peter Jones
Camp Melita Island	Peter Jones
Development	Jory Dellinger/Stacie Cline
Distinguished Citizen Dinners	Jory Dellinger/Stacie Cline
Endowment	Jory Dellinger
Golf Tournaments	Stacie Cline
Investment in Character and Leadership (ICL)	Jory Dellinger/Kyle Lantz
Marketing	Jory Dellinger/Stacie Cline
Membership Records	Lucy Sattoriva
Montana Experience Fly Fishing Events	Jory Dellinger/Stacie Cline
National Jamboree	Kyle Smith
National Youth Leadership Training	Shon Ostler
Newsletter	Lido Vizzutti
Order of the Arrow	Kyle Smith
Popcorn	Michelle Ferguson
Public Relations	Jory Dellinger
Purchase Orders	Laura Craig/Deby Gunter
Religious Awards Program	Gordon Rubard
ScoutStrong PALA Challenge	Michelle Ferguson
Special Awards	Gordon Rubard
Sporting Clays	Kyle Lantz
Tour Plans	Ruth Fischer
Trading Post	Deb Kovalicky
Training Records	Lucy Sattoriva
Website	Shon Ostler
Wood Badge	Shon Ostler
Youth Protection	Gordon Rubard

National Youth Leadership Training Application

PLEASE COPY FOR ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS

Date: June 18-24, 2017

Places: East Course: K-M, near Lewiston, Montana

West Course: Grizzly Base, near Bigfork, Montana

Unit #_____Enroll the following Scouts in NYLT.

Name:_____DOB:_____

Print Clearly as name will appear on name tag for the course.

Address:_____Phone Number :_____

City: _____State: _____Email: _____

Current Rank: _____ Current Unit Position:_____

Name:_____DOB:_____

Print Clearly as name will appear on name tag for the course.

Address:_____Phone Number :_____

City: _____State: _____Email: _____

Current Rank: _____ Current Unit Position:_____

Enclosed is a check in the amount of $_____for the $250 fee per participant (paid before May 15, 2016).

Scoutmaster:_____Phone:_____Date:_____

Address_____Email_____

City:_____State:____Zip:_____

Mail registration form and payment to:

BSA, Montana Council, ATTN: NYLT 2017

820 17th Avenue South, Great Falls, Montana 59405

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Wood Badge Training Application

Date: May 11th - 12th, 2017 and June 1st - 2nd, 2017

Place: K-M, near Lewistown, Montana

Name:_____Phone:_____

Address:_____Unit:_____

Unit Type: Pack/Troop/Team/Crew (circle only one) Email: _____

Payment: Cash or Check $_____

I give permission for my credit card to be used by completing the information listed below.

Visa/MC/Discover/AmEx #_____CVV-Code:_____(last digits listed on back).

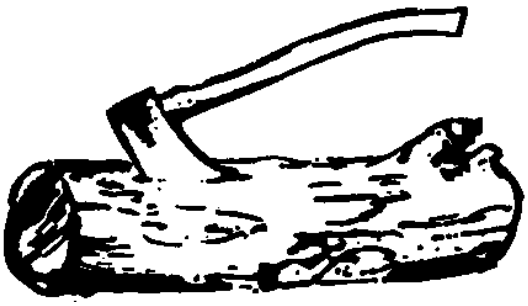
Signature:_____

Enclosed is a check in the amount of $_____ for the $275 fee per participant (paid before May 15, 2017)

Mail registration form and payment to:

BSA, Montana Council, ATTN: Wood Badge 2017

820 17th Avenue South, Great Falls, Montana 59405



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TOUR AND ACTIVITY PLAN

Date _____

❑ Pack ❑ Troop/team ❑ Crew/Ship ❑ Contingent unit/crew
Unit No. _____ Chartered organization _____

Council name/No. _____/_____

District_____

Description of tour or activity _____

From (city and state) _____to _____

Dates _____ to _____ Total days _____

Itinerary: It is required that the following information be provided for *each day* of the tour. (Note: Speed or excessive daily mileage increases the possibility of accidents.) Attach an additional page if more space is required. Include detailed information on campsites, routes, and float plans, and include maps for wilderness travel as required by the local council.

For office use
Tour and activity plan No. _____
Date received _____
Date reviewed _____

Council stamp/signatures

Date	Travel		Mileage	Overnight stopping place (Check if reservations are cleared.)	✔
	From	To			

Type of trip: ❑ Day trip ❑ Short-term camp (less than 72 hours) ❑ Other (OA Weekend, etc.) _____
❑ Long-term camp (longer than 72 hours) ❑ High-adventure activities ❑ High-adventure base_____

Party will consist of (number):	Party will travel by (check all that apply):
____ Youth—male ____ Youth—female ____ Adults—male ____ Adults—female	❑ Car ❑ Bus ❑ Train ❑ Plane ❑ Van ❑ Boat ❑ Other _____

Leadership and Youth Protection Training: Boy Scouts of America policy requires at least two adult leaders on all BSA activities. Coed Venturing crews must have both male and female leaders older than 21 for overnight activities. All registered adults must have completed **BSA Youth Protection training**. At least one registered adult who has completed BSA Youth Protection training must be present at all events and activities. Youth Protection training is valid for two years from the date completed.

Adult leader responsible for this group (must be at least 21 years old):

Name _____ Age _____ Scouting position _____

Address _____ Member No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Youth Protection training date _____

Assistant adult leader name(s) (minimum age 18, or 21 for Venturing crews):

Name _____ Age _____ Scouting position _____

Address _____ Member No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Youth Protection training date _____

Attach a list with additional names and information as outlined above.

❑ Our travel equipment will include a first-aid kit and a roadside emergency kit.

❑ The group will have in possession an **Annual Health and Medical Record** for every participant.

We certify that appropriate planning has been conducted using the **Sweet 16 of BSA Safety**, qualified and trained supervision is in place, **permissions** are secured, health records have been reviewed, and adult leaders have read and are in possession of a current copy of ***Guide to Safe Scouting*** and other appropriate resources. Any items needing attention will be resolved before the tour or activity date.

_____ _____

Signature: Committee chair or chartered organization representative

Signature: Adult leader

Unit single point of contact (not on tour)

Name _____Phone _____Email_____

Tour involves: ❑ Swimming ❑ Boating ❑ Climbing ❑ Orientation flights (attach **Flying Plan** required)
❑ Wilderness or backcountry (must carry **Wilderness Use Policy** and follow principles of **Leave No Trace**)
❑ Shooting ❑ Other (specify) _____

Activity Standards: Where swimming or boating is included in the program, **Safe Swim Defense** and/or **Safety Afloat** are to be followed. If climbing/rappelling is included, then **Climb On Safely** must be followed. At least one person must be current in CPR/AED from any recognized agency to meet **Safety Afloat** and **Climb On Safely** guidelines. At least one adult on a pack overnighter must have completed **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)**. At least one adult must have completed **Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather** training for all tours and activities. **Trek Safely** and Basic First Aid are recommended for all tours, and **Wilderness First Aid** is recommended for all backcountry tours.

Expiration date of commitment card/training (two years from completion date)							
Name	Age	Youth Protection	Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather	BALOO (no expiration)	Climb On Safely	Safe Swim Defense	Safety Afloat

Name	Age	CPR Certification/Agency	CPR Expiration Date	First-Aid Certification/Agency	First Aid Expiration Date

Name	Age	NRA Instructor and/or RSO	
		No. _____	❑ Rifle ❑ Shotgun ❑ Pistol (Venturing only) ❑ Range Safety Officer ❑ Muzzle-loading rifle ❑ Muzzle-loading shotgun
		No. _____	❑ Rifle ❑ Shotgun ❑ Pistol (Venturing only) ❑ Range Safety Officer ❑ Muzzle-loading rifle ❑ Muzzle-loading shotgun

Unauthorized and Restricted Activities: The BSA's general liability insurance policy provides coverage for bodily injury or property damage that arises out of an official Scouting activity as defined by the ***Guide to Safe Scouting.*** Volunteers, units, chartered organizations, and local councils that engage in unauthorized activities are jeopardizing their insurance coverage. PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOURSELF AT RISK.

INSURANCE

All vehicles MUST be covered by a liability and property damage insurance policy. The amount of this coverage must meet or exceed the insurance requirement of the state in which the vehicle is licensed and comply with or exceed the requirements of the country of destination for travel outside the United States. It is recommended, however, that coverage limits are a $100,000 combined single limit. Any vehicle designed to carry 10 or more passengers is required to have a $500,000 combined single limit. In the case of rented vehicles, the requirement of coverage limits can be met by combining the limits of personal coverage carried by the driver with coverage carried by the owner of the rented vehicle.

If the vehicle to be used is designed to carry more than 15 people (including the driver), the driver must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). In some states (California, for example), this policy applies to drivers of vehicles designed to carry 10 or more people.

All vehicles used in travel outside the United States must carry a public liability and property damage liability insurance policy that complies with or exceeds the requirements of that country. Attach an additional page if more space is required.

Name _____ CDL expires _____

Name _____ CDL expires _____

MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	NUMBER OF SAFETY BELTS	DRIVER/OWNER	VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE (Y or N)	LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE
						Combined Single Limit

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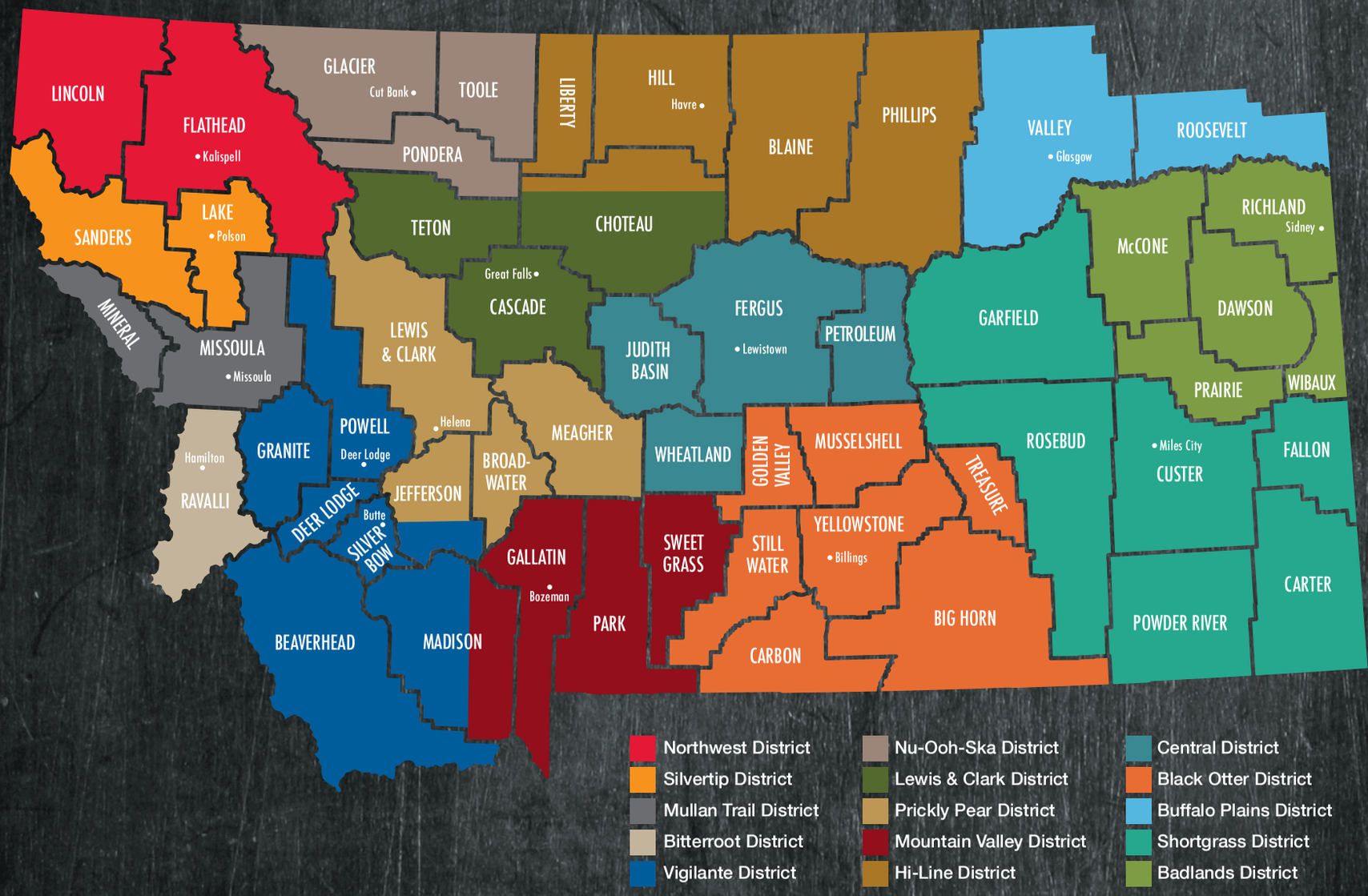
DISTRICT MAP



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tel: (406)585-0272 | fax: (406)587-8212

BILLINGS FIELD OFFICE

2409 Arnold Lane | Billings, Montana 59102-3885
tel: (406)259-4513 | fax: (406)259-9415

MISSOULA FIELD OFFICE

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