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IDEAL YEAR OF SCOUTING 2026-2027

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Scouts BSA Troop

Troop Website:

Info Sheet



Our Scouts have fun, make friends and experience adventures while building character, improving physical fitness, and developing a spirit of community service.

Meetings: Troops meet a few times each month to plan upcoming events and work on activities.

	Troop Meetings
Day & Time	
Location/ Address	



Calendar of Events
September
October
November
December
January
February
March
April
May

Troop Contacts

Here are three of our volunteer leaders who will help welcome you to the Troop and answer any questions you might have.

Position	Name	Phone	Email
Scoutmaster			
Committee Chair			
Membership Chair			

Costs

There are 3 areas of costs associated with your Scouting experience.

Annual Registration - National and Council fees. This covers BSA membership and insurance for 12 months.

The current fee is \$150.

Troop Activity Fee - Also called Troop dues. This money goes to the Troop to cover supplies for activities, events, patches, and awards.

The fee for Troop for the 2026-27 scout year is \$

Additional Costs - Uniform, handbook, and other Scouting events/activities your family can opt to participate in.

Scouts are encouraged to "earn their way" by participating in annual fundraisers. Fall popcorn sales and Spring Camp Card sales can help offset these costs and even earn a free week at summer camp.

Save the Date!

Join us for a new parent orientation and welcome on

Join Now at BeAScout.org

AGE APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES FOR SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

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LIONS
(WITH ADULT
PARTNER)
Kindergarten



TIGERS
(WITH ADULT
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First Grade



**WOLF/BEAR
SCOUTS**
Second and Third
Grades



WEBELES
Fourth Grade



**ARROW OF
LIGHT
SCOUTS**
Fifth Grade



SCOUTS BSA



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SEA SCOUTS,
VENTURERS**
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and have completed eighth grade
or 14 years old and up.



Outdoor Skills

	LIONS	TIGERS	WOLF/BEAR SCOUTS	WEBELES	ARROW OF LIGHT SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	OLDER SCOUTS BSA, SEA SCOUTS, VENTURERS
Hunting							Prohibited
Mountaineering/Scrambling/Cross-Country Travel							✓
Search and Rescue Missions							✓
Search and Rescue Practice						✓	✓
Fueled Devices (stoves and lanterns)						✓	✓
Hiking—Multiple Day						✓	✓
Mountain Boards						✓	✓
Orienteering						✓	✓
Wilderness Survival Training						✓	✓
Fire Building				✓	✓	✓	✓
Pioneering				✓	✓	✓	✓
Cooking Outdoors				✓	✓	✓	✓
Horseback Riding			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Map and Compass		Map only	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pioneering Towers (Check requirements for height restrictions.)		Council/district events only		✓	✓	✓	✓
Rope Bridges (Check requirements for height restrictions.)		Council/district events only		✓	✓	✓	✓
Conservation Projects	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fishing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hiking—Day	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Tools (See SAFE Project Tool Use Guidelines (www.scoutsusa.org/programs/activities/SAFE-Project-Tool-Use-Guidelines) for program details.)

	LIONS	TIGERS	WOLF/BEAR SCOUTS	WEBELES	ARROW OF LIGHT SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	OLDER SCOUTS BSA, SEA SCOUTS, VENTURERS
Power Tools—Chain Saws, Log Splitters, Wood Chippers, Power Saws							Adult use only
Power Tools							See SAFE Project Tool Use Guidelines
Axes						✓	✓
Bow Saws					✓	✓	✓
Pocketknife					✓	✓	✓
Hand Tools		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Trekking

	LIONS	TIGERS	WOLF/BEAR SCOUTS	WEBELES	ARROW OF LIGHT SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	OLDER SCOUTS BSA, SEA SCOUTS, VENTURERS
Horse Treks							✓
Backpacking—Overnight, Backcountry						✓	✓
Bike Treks—Multiple Overnights						✓	✓
Ski Touring—Multiple Days and Nights Carrying Gear						✓	✓



Range and Target Activities (Policy as of 9/10/2024. See Range and Target Activities Manual for program details. Activities outside program materials is prohibited.)

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Pistols—NRA FIRST Steps Program Only							Council-sponsored events and day camps, short-term camps, long-term camps
Specialty Programs—Cowboy Action							Council-sponsored events and day camps, short-term camps, long-term camps
Specialty Programs—Airsoft						✓	Council-sponsored events and day camps, short-term camps, long-term camps
Specialty Programs—Chalkball						✓	Council-sponsored events and day camps, short-term camps, long-term camps
.22 Bolt Action Rifle						✓	✓
Shotguns						✓	✓
Muzzleloaders—Rifle and Shotgun Only						✓	✓
Archery—Field						✓	✓
Archery—Target, Action (moving targets)						✓	✓
Pellet Rifle						✓	✓
BB Guns						✓	✓
Slingshots/Wrist Rockets						✓	✓
Catapults/Trebuchets						✓	✓

Projectiles must be soft and small (no larger than a tennis ball).



Camping (See Program and Activity Guidelines (www.scoutsusa.org/programs/activities/Program-and-Activity-Guidelines) for program details.)

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Unit-Coordinated Camping						✓	✓
Council-Coordinated Camping	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Vehicles

All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV)

Personal Water Craft (PWC)

BMX Biking

Mountain Biking

Bikes—Day Trip

Approved council use only; no unit use

Approved council use only; no unit use



COPE and Climbing

Caving (other than simple novice activities)

Lead Climbing

Snow and Ice Climbing

Belaying

Natural Rock Climbing/Top Rope Belayed

Amusements—Aerial Adventure Parks

Amusements—Canopy Tours

Amusements—Zip Lines

Rappelling

COPE

Age-appropriate initiative games

Bouldering

Climbing (age-appropriate man-made facility)



Aquatics (See Safe Swim Distance and Safety Afloat for restrictions based on swim, such as swimming ability, rather than age.)

Aerial Towed Activities (parasailing, parasail)

CHN Jumping, High Dives

Triathlon: Swim Races in Open Water

Paddle Sports: Youth Operated on Class III or Above Whitewater

Paddle Sports: Whitewater With Professional Guide on Board

Paddle Sports: Youth Operated on Class I or II Whitewater

Motorboats: Youth Operated (check state regulations)

Overnight Cruise on Live-Aboard Vessel

Sailboats and Sailboards: Youth Operated

Snorkeling in Open Water

Scuba

Surfing

Towed Activities (waterskiing, knee boarding, Ropes)

Tubing (floating in gently flowing water)

Paddle Sports: Youth Operated on Calm or Gently Flowing Water

Commercial Marine Transport (ferries, excursion ships)

Day Rides on Large Private Craft With Trained Adult Operator

Swimming

Snorkeling in Confined Water

Water Parks, Slides, and Floating Attractions

Prohibited

Prohibited

Sanctioned events

Passengers only

Paddle sports include canoes, kayaks, pedal boats, rafts, rowboats, SUP

Appropriate age varies by feature

One of the most important responsibilities of the Troop or Crew Committee is to keep the Troop or Crew operating with a first-rate, year-round program, achieved by following each of these 5 key steps.

1. Recruiting Leadership

2. Planning

3. Budgeting

4. Communicating the Plan

5. Executing the Plan



#1: RECRUITING LEADERSHIP

Ensuring adequate volunteer support is critical – Scouting relies on dedicated volunteers to ensure a quality experience for all families on a weekly basis.

The worksheet on the next page should be completed annually by the Charter Rep, Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor and Committee Chair when executing the ideal year of Scouting and updated following fall recruitment of new families or any change in adult leadership.

Every Troop must have a Scoutmaster, Committee Chair and 2 additional Committee members. Every Crew must have a Crew Advisor, associate Advisor of the opposite gender, Committee Chair and 2 additional Committee members. Other positions listed are recommended. Planning or coordinating a short-term task or specific activity is a good leadership role for a new parent/volunteer.

Start by filling out who is currently serving in each role within your Troop or Crew. For any positions that are vacant, determine who the best/most qualified person in your Troop or Crew is and ask them to fill the position by providing specific information related to tasks and timeline. This approach is much easier than just asking “is there anyone here who is willing to fill this role?”

Once you have each role filled, the next step is to identify future leaders now to develop the **succession strategy** for each position. Some considerations:

- **Why plan?** Would you like help with your current role? If you left town tomorrow, who would ensure the Scouts aren’t disappointed?
- **When to engage?** Biggest opportunity is at new parent orientation. Adjust course whenever things change.
- **Who to target?** Any family that joins your unit is a possible successor! Give them a warm welcome, fully onboard them into your Troop or Crew and keep in touch with successor targets.
- **How do I execute the plan?** After identifying prospects, meet with them individually with a position description, invite them to fill the position, and ensure they’re provided with training, support, guidance and mentorship along the way.

Trained leaders/volunteers directly impact the quality of programs on a weekly basis – and as a result, the longevity of families in Scouting as well as their safety. Completing position-specific training is strongly recommended for all volunteers and is available any time in the e-Learning section of <https://my.scouting.org>. Additional in-person and supplemental training is also made available through the Council; details on upcoming training events can be found in step 2.

UNIT LEADERSHIP

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>TARGETED SUCCESSOR</u>	<u>NOTES/COMMENTS</u>
Scoutmaster / Crew Advisor			
Assistant Scoutmaster / Associate Crew Advisor			
Assistant Scoutmaster / Associate Crew Advisor			
Committee Chair			
Treasurer*			
Secretary*			
Camp Card Sale*			
Popcorn Sale*			
Advancement*			
Membership*			
Activities/Camping*			
Quartermaster*			

**Committee Positions*

#2: PLANNING

The more, the merrier. Encourage as many leaders and parents from your Troop or Crew to attend program launch, scheduled for the May Roundtable at 7:00pm; here, you will receive a calendar of local district and council activities planned for the upcoming school year. From there, schedule your Troop or Crew's annual planning session to brainstorm fun and creative activities for your Patrols and Troop or Crew! We recommend gathering as many Scouts and parents as possible so that their voices are heard and they have input into the process. *It is helpful to start with a blank master calendar that includes major local events, holidays, school schedule, etc.*



"Involve your unit in the construction of a program plan that excites them"



Start by reviewing last year's program. Which activities worked and which did not? Decide what activities and special meetings you would like to do again. Also determine whether or not your budget was adequate (save these notes for step 3).

Brainstorm – no ideas are off limits! Write all of them down. When you run out of ideas, then add the council/district activities and events listed below (this is the same list provided to you at program launch. The most complete, updated and accurate list of North Florida Council events can be found at www.nfcscouting.org/calendar).

Prioritize your list and place the top activities and events into your calendar by month.

Add recurring events – such as weekly Troop meetings, monthly Crew meetings and quarterly committee meetings (*at minimum*) to your calendar.

Boring or unorganized meetings are the #1 reason families leave Scouting!

Here are some tips to enhance your Troop or Crew's meeting experience:

- Utilize the Patrol Leader's Council to organize advanced planning and youth ownership of meetings, activities & events throughout the program year.
- Make it interactive, hands-on, fun and competitive.
- Build a program plan that encourages and promotes merit badge and rank advancement opportunities.
- Establish the rules that each meeting will follow – including limiting announcements to 5-8 minutes at the end of your meeting.



COMMUNITY PARTNER EVENTS:

- Scout Night with the Jumbo Shrimp (baseball) – Summer 2026 & 2027
- Scout Night with the Sharks (football) – Summer 2026 & 2027
- Jaguars Tailgate (football) – Fall 2026, 2027
- Scout Night with the Icemen (hockey) – January 2027

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

- Aquatics Camp @ St. Johns Riverbase at Echocotee
- Frontier Shooting Day – September 19, 2026 / September 18, 2027
- Merit Badge Academy – 3 options:
 - October 9-11, 2026
 - February 26-28, 2027
 - October 8-10, 2027
- Winterblast – December 27-31, 2026 / December 27-31, 2027
- OA Fellowships
 - May 15-17, 2026
 - September 25-27, 2026
 - January 8-10, 2027
 - March 5-7, 2027
 - March 20, 2027 – Shands Workday
 - April 9-11, 2027 – Section Conference
 - May 14-16, 2027



- September 24-26, 2027
- December 4, 2027 – St. Johns RiverBase Workday

TROOP OR CREW ACTIVITIES:

- Scout Sunday—February 7, 2027
- Holiday party
- Halloween party
- Nature hike
- Fishing event
- March in a parade
- Summer Resident Camp @ Camp Shands
- National High Adventure Base Experiences
- ATV Program for 14+ aged youth
- Cowboy action shooting for 14+ aged youth
- Service project – giving back to the community and your chartering organization is an essential part of the Scouting experience. Participate in 2+ service projects each year as a Troop or Crew. Be sure to record service hours in Scoutbook. Ideas include food drives, sending cards to armed forces members, completing a beach, park or road cleanup.

LEADER TRAINING:

- National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT): 2 course options:
 - December 26-31, 2026
 - December 26-31, 2027
- Shooting Sports Instructor: 2 course options:
 - September 11-13 & October 2-4, 2026
 - September 10-12 & October 1-3, 2027
- Wood Badge – February 19-21 & March 13-14, 2027
- Wilderness First Aid – February 26-28, 2027 / October 8-10, 2027
- IOLS: 4 options:
 - December 5-6, 2026
 - May 8-9, 2027
 - November 13-14, 2027
 - December 4-5, 2027

#3: BUDGETING

Now that you know what you want to do and when you are going to do it, let's figure out what it is going to cost. Use the budget worksheet on the next page as a guide to develop your annual program costs, fundraising goals, and activity fee (*if any*). Any cells highlighted in yellow should be customized to your unit/event/activity. Be sure to include costs for food, transportation (gas), and other "incidental" costs associated with activities.



Troops and Crews should plan to take advantage of the Council's 2 annual product sales. Unit and family participation allows the unit access to free use of camp properties throughout the year, Scouts to earn their own way through the program all while learning salesmanship & communication skills in a safe environment. ***Units who wish to take part in any non-Council fundraisers MUST complete & submit the BSA Money Earning Application to their District Executive.***

Camp Card: Takes place from February-April. This is a risk-free sale where Scouts earn 50% Commission and the opportunity to earn a FREE week of camp! Participating units in the North Florida Council raised over \$1,000 directly back to their unit in 2025.

Popcorn: Takes place from August-December. Units earn 30+% Commission & can utilize a storefront reservation system to book selling opportunities. An easy to use app tracks sales and takes payments. Participating units in the North Florida Council raised over \$1,300 directly back to their unit in 2025.

Sample Troop Budget

EXPENSES

Expense Item	Annual Cost Per Scout/Unit	# of Scouts/ Adults	Total Unit Cost
Youth Registration and insurance fees	\$ 150.00	35	\$ 5,250.00
Scout Life	\$ 15.00	20	\$ 300.00
Adult Registration and insurance fees	\$ 77.00	10	\$ 770.00
Unit charter fee	\$ 100.00	1	\$ 100.00
TOTAL RECHARTER COST			\$ 6,420.00

Advancement	\$ 15.00	25	\$ 375.00
January Camping Trip/Activity	\$ 25.00	20	\$ 500.00
February Camping Trip/Activity	\$ 25.00	20	\$ 500.00
March Camping Trip/Activity	\$ 25.00	20	\$ 500.00
April Camping Trip/Activity	\$ 25.00	20	\$ 500.00
May Camping Trip/Activity	\$ 25.00	20	\$ 500.00
Summer Camp	\$ 400.00	20	\$ 8,000.00
August Camping Trip/Activity	\$ 25.00	20	\$ 500.00
September Camping Trip/Activity	\$ 25.00	20	\$ 500.00
October Camping Trip/Activity	\$ 25.00	20	\$ 500.00
November Camping Trip/Activity	\$ 25.00	20	\$ 500.00
December Camping Trip/Activity	\$ 25.00	20	\$ 500.00
Handbooks	\$ 25.00	5	\$ 125.00
Adult Leader Training			\$ 400.00
Leader Recognition	\$ 25.00	10	\$ 250.00
Unit equipment purchases			\$ 500.00
TOTAL ACTIVITY COST			\$ 14,650.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 21,070.00
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INCOME

Income Item	Avg. Sales/Scout	# of participating Scouts	Total Unit NET
Surplus from prior year (<i>beginning fund balance</i>)			\$ 500.00
Camp Card Sale	\$ 250.00	15	\$ 1,875.00
Popcorn Sale	\$ 250.00	15	\$ 1,237.50
Other income source			\$ 250.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 3,862.50
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Annual Troop Activity Fee per youth	\$ 491.64
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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.

Does a unit need its own tax identification number? If so, where do we get it?

The answer depends how the unit is chartered. Most charter registered units obtain their own tax ID number by completing IRS Form SS-4, which now requires the designation of a responsible party. (www.irs.gov) Contact your chartered organization for permission and direction on who to use as the responsible party. For most Scouting units, the Committee Chair is an appropriate responsible party. For council registered units, contact your council for instructions.

Who is responsible for the finances of the unit?

The unit committee is responsible, but the assets belong to either the chartered organization or to the council depending on how the unit is chartered.

Should our unit consider insuring our unit equipment?

Yes, the chartered organization or the council 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 to the council.

When should our unit submit a BSA Unit Money-Earning Application?

For all unit fund raising. Approval must be given by the chartered organization and the council.

Is our unit considered tax-exempt by the IRS?

Chartered organizations vary widely, but the tax status of your unit is usually the same as that of your chartered organization if the chartered organization includes the unit in its tax-status. For council registered units, contact your council for more information.

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.

Can our unit be exempt from state sales taxes?

Check with your own state as this varies widely across the country.

A volunteer suggested that our unit apply for its own tax-exempt status. Can we?

No, units should not incorporate or apply for their own tax-exempt status. Units are not legal entities.

We can't solicit gifts for our unit?

No, units are not permitted to solicit any gifts.

Does that mean people can't make gifts to our unit?

Anyone can contribute, but the donor would not receive a charitable deduction.

Can my unit credit amounts from fundraising to an individual toward their expenses?

Expenses must be reasonable and related to Scouting for youth to "earn their own way."

UNIT MONEY-EARNING APPLICATION

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

Please submit this application to your council service center at least two weeks prior to committing to your money-earning project. Read the eight guidelines on the other side of this form. They will assist you in answering the questions below.

(Local council stamp)

☐ Pack☐ Troop☐ Crew☐ Ship

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? _____

Does your unit participate in the council product sale? ☐ Yes ☐ No Family Friends of Scouting? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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:**

Approved by _____ Date _____ Phone _____

Approved subject to the following conditions _____



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

3. Will your fundraiser 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 fundraising 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 fundraising 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 fundraising activity. Typically, council popcorn sales or Scout show ticket sales are approved uniform fundraisers.

7. Will the fundraising 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 fundraising 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 fundraiser.

The local council is responsible for upholding the Charter and Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations of the BSA. To ensure compliance, all unit fundraisers MUST OBTAIN WRITTEN APPROVAL from the local council NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS before committing to the fundraising activity.



#4: COMMUNICATING THE PLAN

Once you have completed your Troop or Crew's final program plan, consisting of an activity/event/meeting calendar and supporting budget, it should be made available at the beginning of the Troop or Crew's program year (end-July/early August) to all families. This shows a level of **organization** and **transparency** from the unit's leadership.

Poor communication is the #2 reason families leave Scouting!

Sharing your finished product with members of the Troop or Crew requires different approaches based on your audience.

- **Scouts need excitement** – “Scouts, here’s what we have planned for the year: backpacking in the Osceola national forest, canoeing on the Santa Fe river, overnighter at the Jumbo Shrimp game and summer camp at Shands, where you’ll get to swim in the pool, go down the waterslides, shoot on the ranges and for older Scouts, ride ATV’s! You can do all these fun things by selling \$x worth of camp cards and popcorn!”
- **Parents need simplicity** – especially those parents who weren’t involved in the planning process. “Parents, here’s what we have planned for the year – backpacking in the Osceola national forest, canoeing on the Santa Fe river, overnighter at the Jumbo Shrimp game and summer camp at Shands, where your Scout will get to swim in the pool, go down the waterslides, shoot on the ranges and for older Scouts, ride ATV’s! Your Scout can participate fully with no cost to you if they sell \$x worth of camp cards and popcorn.”

At this juncture, you can present an organized, safe and succinct fundraiser (camp cards and/or peanuts and popcorn) and establish individual goals that will fund each Scout’s Ideal Year of Scouting. Paying for the fun will be much easier and participants will be more successful when they know what the money is going towards. **The unit will spend more time Scouting and less time fundraising.**

Properly communicated, the plan will excite both Scouts and parents to success!

You’ll also want to send a copy of your Troop or Crew’s finalized program plan to your local Scouting professional as well as your volunteer Commissioner. Keeping them updated with your plans is important, as both serve as resources to your unit’s leadership.

It is also important that you share your program plan with new families at your Troop or Crew’s parent orientation following your sign up night so they can be fully onboarded into your Troop or Crew and begin assisting with activities and events.



#5: EXECUTING THE PLAN

Utilize your standing committee meetings (held quarterly, at minimum) to review previous activities and programming while fresh and make final plans and preparations for upcoming activities and events.

Promote early sign ups for District & Council activities. Spots are not guaranteed. Events have maximum capacities and registration deadlines to ensure a dynamic experience for all registered participants.

Scouts BSA, Venturing and
Sea Scouts Calendar



JUNE 2026

Green = Training
Blue = Council event
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Camp Shands – Wk 1	15 Camp Shands – Wk 1 Aquatics Camp – Wk 1	16 Camp Shands – Wk 1 Aquatics Camp – Wk 1	17 Camp Shands – Wk 1 Aquatics Camp – Wk 1	18 Camp Shands – Wk 1 Aquatics Camp – Wk 1	19 Juneteenth Camp Shands – Wk 1 Aquatics Camp – Wk 1	20 Camp Shands – Wk 1
21 Camp Shands – Wk 2	22 Camp Shands – Wk 2 Aquatics Camp – Wk 2	23 Camp Shands – Wk 2 Aquatics Camp – Wk 2	24 Camp Shands – Wk 2 Aquatics Camp – Wk 2	25 Camp Shands – Wk 2 Aquatics Camp – Wk 2	26 Camp Shands – Wk 2 Aquatics Camp – Wk 2	27 Camp Shands – Wk 2
28	29 Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	30 Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	1 Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	2 Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	3 Independence Day Holiday Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	4 Independence Day

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28	29 Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	30 Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	1 Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	2 Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	3 Independence Day Holiday Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	4 Independence Day
5 Camp Shands – Wk 3	6 Camp Shands – Wk 3	7 Camp Shands – Wk 3	8 Camp Shands – Wk 3	9 Camp Shands – Wk 3	10 Camp Shands – Wk 3	11 Camp Shands – Wk 3
12	13 Aquatics Camp – Wk 4	14 Aquatics Camp – Wk 4	15 Aquatics Camp – Wk 4	16 Aquatics Camp – Wk 4	17 Aquatics Camp – Wk 4	18
19	20 Aquatics Camp – Wk 5	21 Aquatics Camp – Wk 5	22 Aquatics Camp – Wk 5	23 Aquatics Camp – Wk 5	24 Aquatics Camp – Wk 5	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Popcorn Kick Off	1



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26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Popcorn Kick Off
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 NRA Qualifications
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Campmaster Training
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

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SEPTEMBER 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 NRA Instructor Training Wknd 1	12 NRA Instructor Training Wknd 1
13 NRA Instructor Training Wknd 1	14	15	16	17 CPR -SJR	18 COPE/Climbing Level 1	19 COPE/Climbing Level 1
20 COPE/Climbing Level 1	21	22	23	24	25 OA Fellowship	26 OA Fellowship
27 OA Fellowship	28	29	30	1	2	3

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
					NRA Instructor Training Wknd 2	NRA Instructor Training Wknd 2
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
NRA Instructor Training Wknd 2					Merit Badge Academy Wilderness First Aid	Merit Badge Academy Wilderness First Aid
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Merit Badge Academy Wilderness First Aid	Columbus Day			CPR - SJRB		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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NOVEMBER 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 College of Commissioner Training
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 CPR - SJRB	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

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DECEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2	3	4	5 Catholic Outdoor Adventure Day IOLS - St. Johns COPE/Climbing Level 1
6 IOLS - St. Johns COPE/Climbing Level 1	7	8	9	10	11	12 OA Work Day - Echokotee
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26 National Youth Leadership Training
27 WinterBlast - Scouts BSA National Youth Leadership Training	28 WinterBlast - Scouts BSA National Youth Leadership Training	29 WinterBlast - Scouts BSA National Youth Leadership Training	30 WinterBlast - Scouts BSA National Youth Leadership Training	31 WinterBlast - Scouts BSA National Youth Leadership Training	1	2

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JANUARY 2027

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 OA Fellowship	9 OA Fellowship
10 OA Fellowship	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 M L King Day	19	20	21 CPR -SJR	22	23 Climbing Level 1 - SJRB
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Camp Card Kick Off
31	1	2	3	4	5	6



FEBRUARY 2027

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4 Sabot District Dinner	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Presidents' Day	16	17	18 CPR -SJR	19 Woodbadge Wknd 1	20 Woodbadge Wknd 1
21 Woodbadge Wknd 1	22	23	24	25	26 MBF – Shands Wilderness First Aid	27 MBF – Shands Wilderness First Aid
28 MBF – Shands Wilderness First Aid	1	2	3	4	5 OA Fellowship	6 OA Fellowship



MARCH 2027

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 MBF – Shands Wilderness First Aid	1	2	3	4 Bartram Trail Dinner Marion District Dinner Fiver Rivers District Dinner St. Johns District Dinner	5 OA Fellowship	6 NRA Basics - Shands OA Fellowship
7 OA Fellowship	8	9	10	11	12 COPE & Climbing Level 1 - Shands	13 COPE & Climbing Level 1 – Shands Woodbadge Wknd 2
14 COPE & Climbing Level 1 – Shands Woodbadge Wknd 2	15	16	17	18 CPR -SJR	19	20 OA Workday - Shands
21	22	23	24	25	26 Good Friday	27
28 Easter Sunday	29	30	31	1	2	3



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 Range master Training
4	5	6	7	8	9 OA Section Conference	10 OA Section Conference
11 OA Section Conference	12	13	14	15 CPR -SIRB	16	17 Climbing Level 1 - SJRB
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 Volunteer Recognition Awards
2	3	4	5	6 Camp Cards Payment Due	7	8 NRA Qualifications Scout Master Specifics IOLS
9 IOLS	10	11	12	13	14 OA Fellowship	15 OA Fellowship
16 OA Fellowship	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day	1	2	3	4	5

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30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Camp Shands – Wk 1 Aquatics Camp – Wk 1	15 Camp Shands – Wk 1 Aquatics Camp – Wk 1	16 Camp Shands – Wk 1 Aquatics Camp – Wk 1	17 Camp Shands – Wk 1 Aquatics Camp – Wk 1	18 Juneteenth Camp Shands – Wk 1 Aquatics Camp – Wk 1	19 Camp Shands – Wk 1
20	21 Camp Shands – Wk 2 Aquatics Camp – Wk 2	22 Camp Shands – Wk 2 Aquatics Camp – Wk 2	23 Camp Shands – Wk 2 Aquatics Camp – Wk 2	24 Camp Shands – Wk 2 Aquatics Camp – Wk 2	25 Camp Shands – Wk 2 Aquatics Camp – Wk 2	26 Camp Shands – Wk 2
27	28 Camp Shands – Wk 3 Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	29 Camp Shands – Wk 3 Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	30 Camp Shands – Wk 3 Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	1 Camp Shands – Wk 3 Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	2 Camp Shands – Wk 3 Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	3 Camp Shands – Wk 3

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27 Camp Shands – Wk 3	28 Camp Shands – Wk 3 Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	29 Camp Shands – Wk 3 Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	30 Camp Shands – Wk 3 Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	1 Camp Shands – Wk 3 Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	2 Camp Shands – Wk 3 Aquatics Camp – Wk 3	3 Independence Day
4	5 Aquatics Camp – Wk 4	6 Aquatics Camp – Wk 4	7 Aquatics Camp – Wk 4	8 Aquatics Camp – Wk 4	9 Aquatics Camp – Wk 4	10
11	12 Aquatics Camp – Wk 5	13 Aquatics Camp – Wk 5	14 Aquatics Camp – Wk 5	15 Aquatics Camp – Wk 5	16 Aquatics Camp – Wk 5	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Range master Training
25	26 OA NOAC 2027	27 OA NOAC 2027	28 OA NOAC 2027	29 OA NOAC 2027	30 OA NOAC 2027	31 OA NOAC 2027



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Popcorn Kick Off
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 NRA Basics Training Range master Training
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

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29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10 COPE & Climbing Level 1 – Shands NRA Instructor WK 1	11 COPE & Climbing Level 1 – Shands NRA Instructor WK 1
12 COPE & Climbing Level 1 – Shands NRA Instructor WK 1	13	14	15	16 CPR -SJR	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 OA Fellowship	25 OA Fellowship
26 OA Fellowship	27	28	29	30	1	2

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26	27	28	29	30	1	2
					NRA Instructor WK 2	NRA Instructor WK 2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
NRA Instructor WK 2					MBF – SJRB Wilderness First Aid	MBF – SJRB Wilderness First Aid Climbing Level 1 Rangemaster Training
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
MBF – SJRB Wilderness First Aid	Columbus Day					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				CPR - SJRB		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Veterans Day	11	12 Scout Skills Competition OA SLS	13 Scout Skills Competition IOLS Training OA SLS
14 Scout Skills Competition IOLS OA SLS	15	16	17	18 CPR -SJR	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

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28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5 IOLS - St. Johns COPE & Climbing Level 1 -- Shands	6	7	8	9	COPE & Climbing Level 1 --Shands	OA Work Day - Echokotee Catholic Outdoor Adventure Day IOLS - St. Johns COPE & Climbing Level 1 -- Shands
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	Christmas	25 National Youth Leadership Training
26	27 WinterBlast - Scouts BSA National Youth Leadership Training	28 WinterBlast - Scouts BSA National Youth Leadership Training	29 WinterBlast - Scouts BSA National Youth Leadership Training	30 WinterBlast - Scouts BSA National Youth Leadership Training	31 WinterBlast - Scouts BSA	1