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## Scoutbook is now FREE

~Bryan on Scouting - Bryan Wendell

Fellow Scouters, 2019 is off to a great start.

**Scoutbook**, the Boy Scouts of America's online tool for managing and tracking Scouting advancement, is now completely, totally, 100 percent free. The change became official today — Jan. 1, 2019.

Longtime users know how Scoutbook makes it easy (and fun!) for Scouts, parents and leaders to track advancement and milestone achievements along the Scouting trail.

Before 2019, individuals, units or councils paid a small annual fee — up to \$1 per Scout per year — to access Scoutbook's suite of unit-management features.

In 2019 and beyond, those same great features are available for the best possible price: \$0.

Now everyone can learn what more than 1 million users already know: Scoutbook can improve your Scouting experience.

Here's what else you need to know:

### **How will my unit be affected?**

- **Units with a current Scoutbook account** will continue to use Scoutbook as before.
- **Councils that provide Scoutbook accounts for their units** will no longer need to manage a subscription process for units starting a new account.
- **Units without a current Scoutbook account** will be able to access Scoutbook free on **Scoutbook.com** and elsewhere.

### **How will subscriptions/renewals work in 2019 and beyond?**

The need to subscribe or renew annually will become unnecessary.

Once your unit is on **Scoutbook**, you'll be set for as long as your unit would like to continue using this free tool.

## How will making Scoutbook free affect its performance?

Scoutbook will only continue to improve.

The BSA IT and Member Care teams will continue to support Scoutbook with their timely service and quality resources. **Scoutbook** performance enhancements have been implemented regularly over the years, and its performance is continually monitored. That will continue.

## What's new in this release of Scoutbook?

Scoutbook has a new Single Sign On (SSO) process that will allow users to easily create accounts with the same properties as my.scouting accounts.

You'll use the same account credentials (username and password) for both platforms. This makes things much easier for users by streamlining the login process.

For details, consult this list of **Frequently Asked Questions [PDF]**, which includes a step-by-step guide for use of SSO.

## Where can I get more information about this change in Scoutbook?

Keep an eye on **Scoutbook.com** for all the latest updates.

If you still have questions, you can always contact the friendly and helpful folks at Scoutbook support. Their email: [Scoutbook.support@scouting.org](mailto:Scoutbook.support@scouting.org)



Camp Nanuq is a winter Cub Scout program based out of Miller Castle on the Parker Scout Camp property. Campers will arrive Saturday morning, receive their room assignments, and then get ready for some outdoor fun!

Snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, winter games, broom ball on the lake, geocaching, and some ice fishing. You can also enjoy board games or card games, fun Snap Circuits, rockets, or learn how to operate an Ollie Robot!

5 Weekends to choose from! Registration is open at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/296-nanuq19#>

# 5th Annual Pine Tree Cub Scout



February 1st - 2nd

Event begins at 8pm and Scouts must be picked up by 7am.

This is an overnight event where sleep is NOT guaranteed!

There must be two adults from each unit that brings Scouts.

Cost is \$15 per Scout (\$20 at the door)

\$10 per adult (\$15 at the door)

Register Today!

<https://scoutingevent.com/296-2019Lockin>

Event includes Pizza during the night.

Cub Scouts will have the chance to

Swim

Earn their Whittling Chip

Ice Skate

Play broom ball

Hear an Internet Safety presentation

Play games and have fun with friends



Scouts should bring:

A Snack

Swim gear

Towel

Skates

Helmet

Warm clothes

Water bottle

*Skates are not required to attend*



Scouts May NOT Bring:

Knife

Electronics

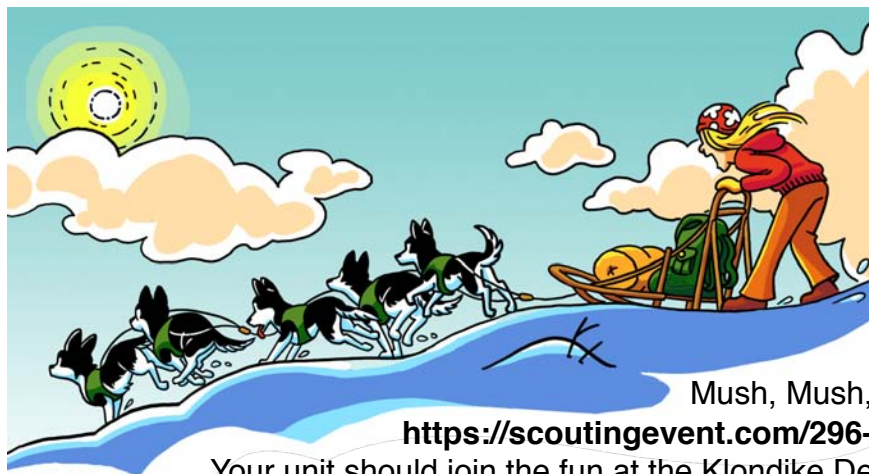
*Boy Scouts are welcome but will be expected to help run a station at some point during the night.*

Hallett Center of Crosby

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# Klondike Derby Parker Scout Camp March 2nd

Mush, Mush, Mush.... Come on Dogs Lets Go

<https://scoutingevent.com/296-2019Klondike>

Your unit should join the fun at the Klondike Derby!

Help Paul Bunyan with his winter chores and all of his fellow lumberjacks.

## ROUND TABLE!



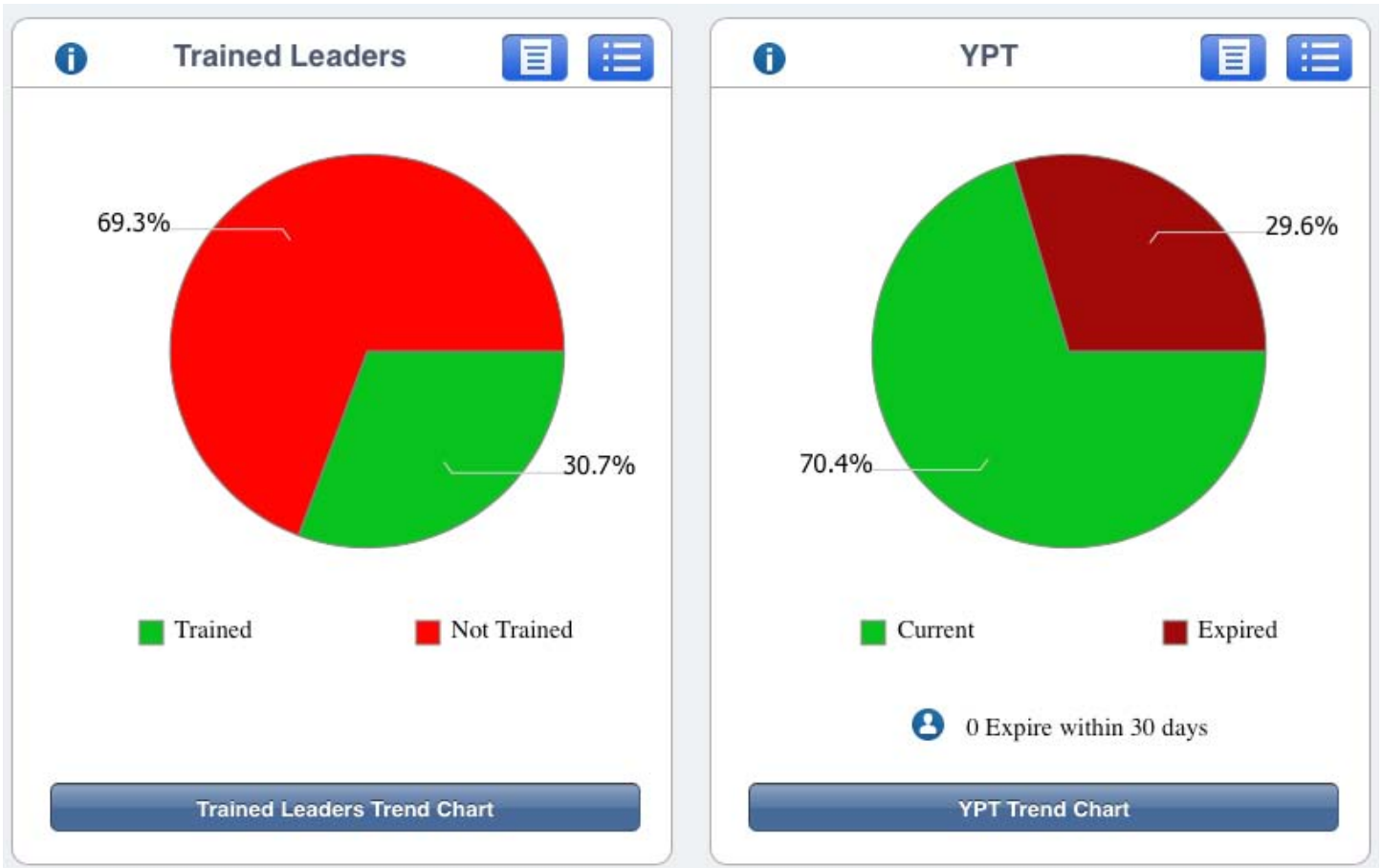
Have you come to a Round Table? Why NOT? Roundtable is more than just another Scout meeting. Its your chance to hear from subject matter experts in things like backpacking, winter camping, summer camps and much more. Its also a chance for you to talk with your fellow leaders and learn what they are doing and trying that could help you.

Everyone is welcome  
Parent, Leaders and even SCOUTS

*See you Jan. 15h at 6:30 pm  
Brainerd Salvation Army Chapel*



# Training Update



It is our goal to get at least half of our leaders trained in their positions. As you can see we have just over 30% of our leaders trained. This means we have leaders who are doing a job that they may not know all of the ins and outs of, they may not know all of the resources that are available to them and they may not be giving their Scouts the best program they are capable of delivering. We want every leader to know they can do a great job and make it easier for them.

## Up-Coming Training Events

Nothing is scheduled at this time but you can contact Ken or Loren to schedule your unit

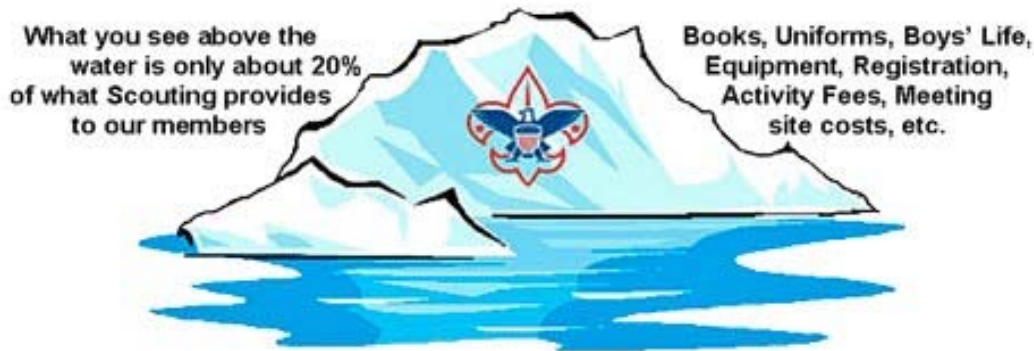
Training is also available on the [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) website. You can log into the site and watch the videos. Do not let the number of videos intimidate you because many of them are very short but still very informative. Training helps you and will make your program better!



Friend's of Scouting presentations are coming to a unit meeting in the near future. These are important presentations and have a very large impact on program across the Scouting movement. We need your support to make Scouting work.

## The Iceberg Analogy

The thinking here is that Scouts and volunteers see only 20 percent of what councils provide to members. There's a whole lot more beneath the surface.



What do councils provide? In other words: What's beneath the surface?

- **Volunteer and staff training**
- **Insurance coverage** to protect volunteers, chartered organizations, staff members and properties
- **Support staff** for registration, publications and other program support
- **Camp promotion** for Cub Scout day camps, Boy Scout summer camps, high-adventure bases and more
- **Camp rangers** to keep the council camps up-to-date and ready for Scouts and families
- **Camp equipment**, like tents, cooking equipment, camp vehicles, building repairs, canoes, equipment replacement and repair, and general upkeep of council camps
- **Recognitions for leaders** who complete training, volunteer for special projects and help in many Scouting roles
- **Professional staff** to work with volunteers to organize new units, manage fundraising programs, conduct training, assist membership recruitment, provide counsel and direct support for district, camps and programs
- **Administrative needs**, including postage, computers and links to the National BSA computer system, copy machines, folding machines and a printing shop
- **Service center** to provide additional support to volunteers
- **Audio-visual supplies** used in training, at camps and in volunteer meetings
- **Postage** to mail materials to leaders, parents and youth members
- **A council website** to keep you informed
- **Reference publications** and resources, including program planning kits and to camping cookbooks
- **Camp scholarships**, uniforms and registration fees for disadvantaged young people



Congratulations to the newly installed Lodge Officers. Including Pine Tree's very own Austin Erickson.



Would you like a new challenge? Would you like to take on an important role? Would you like to help more Scouts? Would you like to improve the Scouting experience for more Scouts?

The District is in need of a new District Commissioner.

Please Contact Kim or Ken if you are interest in taking on this fun and exciting role. We are happy to meet with anyone and discuss the position.



The deadline for District Awards nominations is coming up quick. Please take a look around your unit and take the time to nominate a deserving Scouter. If you wont, who will? Nominations are needed to give out awards.

*Spring Sale is just around the corner.  
This is the best way to pay for Camp!  
Your unit needs to participate in this sale.*



Hello my Scouting Family,

Happy New Year Scouts and Scouters and families too! I hope your New Year celebrations were filled with fun and joy and happiness.

2019 brings a new and fresh start to a calendar and fun and excitement is just around the corner as we make more changes to the Scouting programs. In February our older Scout program will get a name change and officially become Scouts, BSA and we will get to welcome young ladies to the program. A great deal of conversation has been had over this change. A great deal positive and some rather negative. Some of it comes from a lack of knowledge I fear. Some may not even know that the Scouting programs have been co-ed dating back to 1969 when Scouting welcomed girls to the Exploring program, which was later renamed to the current Venturing program.

However you look at this change please understand these decision are made at the National level to affect the whole organization but some of the decisions still happen at the unit level. We will be starting Scouts BSA units for girls in our Council and in our District. We want to ensure that every young person who wants to be a Scout has that opportunity. This first and foremost needs to be about giving our young people the best program and opportunities what we can. It's about the children!

We have arrived at winter. That doesn't mean outdoor programs are closed down. That means its time for Klondike, Alpha Lupus, Nanuq and all the fun that Parker Scout Camp hosts in the snow and cold. Get outside. Scouting is OUTING and snow can be fun. See you at Parker!

I want to encourage our units to continue to input your service hours as the year moves forward. Last year as the year came to a close worked with a few units to get numbers put in to ensure units were getting their credit for their Journey To Excellent. On a side note Loren will be doing a wonderful presentation on JTE for this months roundtable. Please come learn what its all about and why your unit should be looking at this report and data all year long not just at recharter. Service hours are important because they can affect more than just Scout advancement and Unit JTE Scores, they also affect your ability to request funding from your charter partner and your council's ability to request grants and special project money. So please put those hours in so we can provide you with additional support. You're doing that work, take the credit!

Awards and recognition. Talking about doing the work and taking the credit. Make sure you're putting your fellow leaders in for their effort to recognize them. That hard working committee, that superstar Scoutmaster, that dedicated Cub Master, those wonderful Den Leaders. Each and every one of us knows someone who is making the program happen for the Scouts. Please take the time to recognize them and put them in for an award. If you don't no one will and they deserve to be recognized.


I recently attended the funeral for my childhood Scoutmaster, Mr. Bob Campbell. He served Scouting in two troops and continued to be the Scoutmaster long after his son had Eagled and aged out of the program. In fact both my brother and I are certain I was his last Eagle. Now whether that means I was his final success or I was the straw that broke the camels back I don't know. But what I do know is I am proud to have called him my Scoutmaster and I will never forget him. Rest in Peace Mr. Scoutmaster.

In Scouting,

Kenneth Toole  
Senior District Executive  
Pine Tree District

"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different, because I was important in the life of a boy."  
~FOREST E. WITCRAFT



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13	14	15 Roundtable	16	17	18	19 Nanuq
20	21 Office Closed	22	23	24	25 Alpha Lupus	26 Alpha Lupus Nanuq
27 Alpha Lupus	28	29	30	31		
		February				
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3	4	5 Dis. Comm	6	7	8 Alpha Lupus	9 Nanuq Alpha Lupus
10 Alpha Lupus <b>Scout Sunday</b>	11	12 Roundtable	13		15	16 Nanuq
17	18 President's Day Office Closed	19 Annual Meeting	20	21	22	23 Nanuq
24	25 Cash for Camp Sale	26	27	28		

For more information on events in Pine Tree District or Central Minnesota Council visit  
<http://www.bsacmc.org/#!event-calendar/c1xcb>

Your input on the District Newsletter is always welcome please contact Ken with your input  
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