



# Pine Tree District Newsletter

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## CALL TO ACTION FOR SCOUTS TO HELP TAKE ON BULLYING DURING NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

October is National Bullying Prevention Month, and, according to **new BSA data**, Generation Z believes bullying is the biggest issue facing their generation and the number one issue they want to solve.

As a Scout parent and/or leader, you know that, given the Scout Law, the BSA's anti-bullying education, and Scouts' daily Good Turns, Scouts are among the most prepared to take on bullying prevention. While Scouts pledge to lend a helping hand at all times, their peers may not always know who those Scouts are or that Scouts are important allies in the effort against bullying.

That's why we are asking all Scouts to wear their Scouting uniform to school on October 16th to make it easy for their classmates to find people they can count on for a kind word; a lunch buddy; or a resource to help them recognize, safely respond to, and report all types of bullying. The goal is that once other students know who the Scouts are, they will feel comfortable reaching out to those individuals whenever they need a friend.

This effort will also serve as a visual reminder within each community that Scouting – with guiding principles like being kind, helpful, and friendly – is an invaluable resource for youth, schools, and society as a whole.

### How to Participate:

1. Ask all Scouts in your family, pack, troop, ship or crew to proudly wear their uniform to school on October 16th and remind them to show the power of kindness by reaching out to classmates to make sure everyone feels welcome.
2. In October, share inspirational stories that showcase how Scouts or the Scouting program has helped combat bullying. Use the hashtag #AScoutIsKind.
3. Check out the BSA's **bullying awareness information**, and share the **uplifting stories** from our official social media pages on October 16.

Help curtail cyberbullying by encouraging Scouts who have parental permission to use social media to send supportive and uplifting comments and messages to classmates on October 16th... and every other day.

## Bullying is Gen Z's #1 Concern According to New BSA Survey

IRVING, TX (September 17, 2019) – Generation Z believes bullying is the biggest issue facing their generation, according to new data. A survey of American youth ages 6 to 17, commissioned by the Boy Scouts of America, found that bullying ranked as the top concern for young people on a community, national and global level.

The survey asked young Americans to prioritize their top five from a list of roughly 20 issues in the local community, the U.S. and the world. Thirty percent said bullying was one of the problems they most wanted to solve across the globe, and 32% said it was the biggest issue in the country. On a local level, Gen Z ranked bullying (28%), hunger (28%) and care for the elderly (27%) as the top three issues they see themselves helping to improve in their community.

From daily good deeds to service projects, the Boy Scouts of America has been actively working to equip kids with the tools they need to counteract bullying throughout their communities and daily lives. All Scouts participate in anti-bullying training and learn to live by the Scout Law, a foundational element of Scouting that includes 12 guiding characteristics that include being helpful, trustworthy and kind. In fact, a 2015 Tufts University study showed children involved in Cub Scouts were significantly more kind and helpful than non-Scouts.

"My son is in a local Scouting troop here in Lakeville, Minnesota and it has changed his life," said Katie Dettmann. Her son Alden has autism. She says Scouts BSA is the first place where her son has not been judged. "It's a peer group that's very accepting and welcoming. He can take risks, try new things and grow with the encouragement and support of his peers."

"Scouting is one of my favorite things I've ever been a part of. I've met people from all over the world and I get along with them. We learn so much from each other," said Alden Dettmann.

The desire for inclusivity and kindness resonates well beyond Alden's family. According to the survey, 86% of young Americans said that not being bullied is a daily priority. And 97% said being kind to others is an important aspect of daily life.

Multiple Eagle Scout projects, a substantial service project that's required to attain the program's highest rank, have tackled bullying and inclusivity in recent years. One Scout even rallied his community to construct a musical playground that was fully accessible for students with physical or mental challenges. And merit badges offered by Boy Scouts of America, such as Disability Awareness and American Cultures, help kids understand and respect each other's differences while building character and leadership skills.

This desire to help make the world a better place is inherent in Gen Z, according to the study. Seventy-six percent said they believe their generation has the ability to make positive change in the world. Other top issues they want to tackle globally are poverty (28%), human rights (26%) and access to education (24%).

### **Survey highlights:**

- 97% of those surveyed said being kind to others is important
- 84% said they want to be a part of solving issues in the future in their community
- 79% said improving their community is very important
- 50% said the reason they focus on some of these issues is because their parents are passionate about them
- Bullying was the top concern among respondents with 28% of respondents seeing themselves helping improve bullying at the community level, 32% at the national level and 30% at the global level
- Other top concerns respondents want to help solve are hunger (28%) and care for elders (27%) at the local level, animal rights (28%) and recycling (28%) at the national level and poverty (28%) and human rights (26%) at the global level



# BSA PARENTS

The Boy Scouts of America serves an invaluable purpose in **building character and instilling values in America's youth, and shaping the leaders of tomorrow**. As parents, family members and friends of the BSA, we pledge our support for this organization and the value that it brings to communities.  
**GET INVOLVED.**

**BSAParents.com**

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of BSA Parents is to recruit, inform and amplify voices of those who believe:

- That the Boy Scouts of America is a vital organization that plays an indispensable role in the formation of character and values in America's youth.
- That the Boy Scouts of America is invaluable to our communities.
- That the Boy Scouts of America is a welcoming and inclusive organization that should live on and thrive for generations to come.
- That the Boy Scouts of America has a social and moral responsibility to continue to protect youth and it needs to continue to live out this duty every day.

# **Read this list of do's and don'ts before your next unit fundraiser**

**~Bryan Wendell**

Where will your next Scouting adventure take you? You're limited only by your imagination — and, yes, your budget.

Fundraisers conducted through your local Scout council, such as Scout popcorn sales, are a no-brainer. They've already been reviewed, meaning they follow all BSA rules and regulations.

But some Scout units like to earn additional funds for Scouting by supplementing those projects with their own. That's fine, provided you follow this list of fundraising do's and don'ts. It comes from Russ McNamer, the BSA's associate general counsel for all things taxes.

## **Fundraising do's**

1. **Do** file a **unit money-earning project application** for approval by both the local council and the chartering organization. Submit this application to your council service center at least two weeks in advance of the proposed date of your project.
2. **Do** check local laws regarding solicitation rules and permits.
3. **Do** select money-earning projects that are suited to the ages and abilities of youth participants.
4. **Do** select money-earning projects that teach youth members to earn their own way.
5. **Do** follow safe practices listed in the **Guide to Safe Scouting**.

## **Fundraising don'ts**

1. **Don't** solicit funds in the name of Scouting; only local councils have the authority to solicit funds.
2. **Don't** conduct unit money-earning projects without adequate adult supervision.
3. **Don't** forget to use the buddy system, and don't go into unsafe or unfamiliar areas.
4. **Don't** conduct unit money-earning projects after dark or in unsafe pedestrian areas.
5. **Don't** sell fireworks as a unit money-earning project. That's an unauthorized activity.

## **Even more guidance**

Pay attention to the second page the **unit money-earning project application**. There you'll find a guide to unit money-earning projects with eight questions and answers about fundraisers. I've pasted it below for your convenience:

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 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 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?**

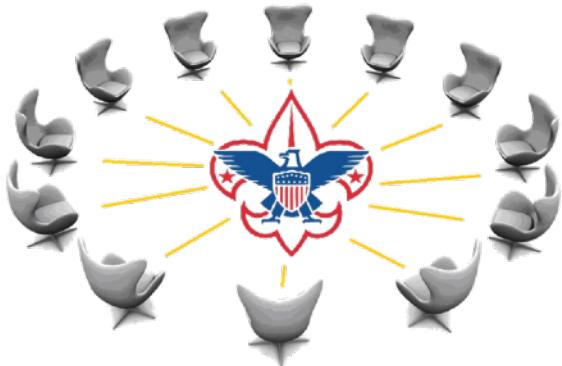
The official uniform is intended to be worn primarily for use in connection with Scouting activities. However, council executive boards may approve use of the uniform for any fundraising activity. Typically, council popcorn sales or Scout show ticket sales are approved uniform fundraisers.

**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.



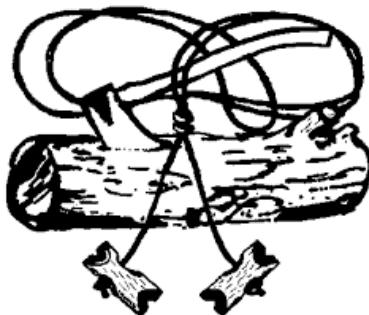
*See you October 8th at 6:30 pm  
Brainerd Salvation Army Chapel*

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

**The October Roundtable is going to be very important.  
We have the Council Executive, Council President and  
Council Commissioner coming to chat with us.**

**We really want someone from each unit to attend this meeting.  
Please add it to your schedule right now, PLEASE!**



### **Wood Badge 2020**

Wood Badge buffet (for all Wood Badgers and potential Wood Badgers)  
January 25, 2020

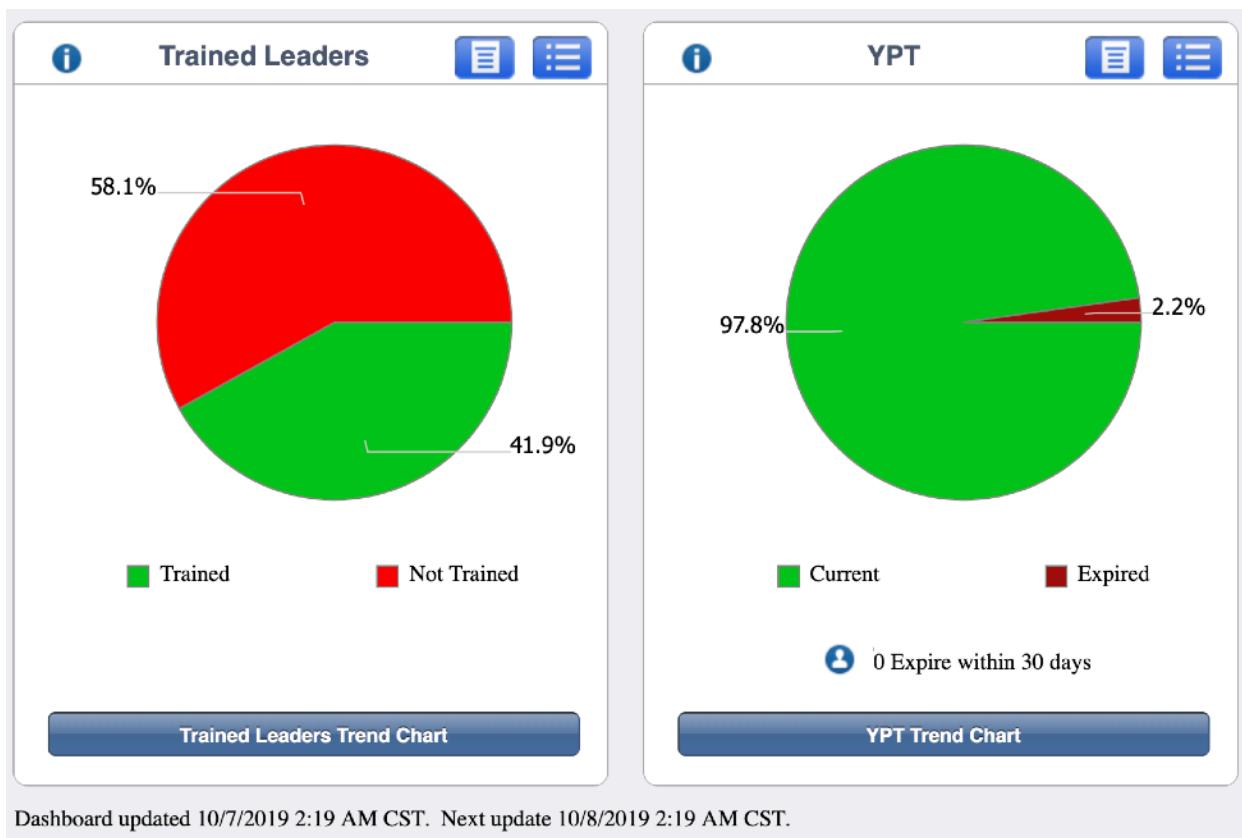
Orientation: Wed., September 9, 2020

First Weekend: September 24 -27, 2020

Second Weekend: October 16 -18, 2020



# 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 40% 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

October 14, 2019 6:30-9:00 pm  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Brainerd, MN

October 24, 2019 6:30-9:00 pm  
St. Andrew's Catholic Church  
Brainerd, MN

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!



Friends of Scouting is your chance to support the bigger mission of the Scouting Movement in your Council. We need your support to ensure we can provide the best program to all young people who want to be Scouts. One way you can support the mission is to buy a brick in the Parker Plaza.

### Parker Fund Pledge Form

I have enclosed a donation for an engraved brick to build "The Parker Fund".

15" x 10" Brick..... \$1,000       10" x 10" Brick..... \$500       10" x 5" Brick..... \$250  
 Other ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Brick Text Engraving \_\_\_\_\_

**3 Lines Maximum: 23 characters per line for 15" x 10"; 13 characters per line for 10"x10" and 10"x5"**

Please make checks payable to: Central Minnesota Council, BSA. By August 15, 2018



The Parker Fund has been established as an investment in Parker Scout Camp to ensure the property remains a healthy and valuable asset for youth and families for years to come.

The goal of the fund is to raise \$1.3 million for projects at camp and start an endowment fund that will provide for the maintenance and upkeep of Parker Scout Camp and to continue to develop fun and innovative programming for youth. We are nearly half way to that goal and we need your help!

Please consider a gift at the \$1000, \$500 or \$250 level. Your gift will be permanently recognized with an engraved brick in our new flag plaza at camp.





## REQUIRED FOR 2019-2020 LEC!

Our annual Lodge Leadership Development course is coming up Friday, November 1st and 2nd at the dinning hall at Parker Scout Reservation!

Come learn about the lodge operations and have FUN and FELLOWSHIP with your fellow members! This is specifically designed to train all of our lodge but especially for our new LEC for 2019-2020!

Bring articles for the FEATHER lodge newsletter! SIGN UP NOW!

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



*Thrive Webinar Viewing Party  
Council Office  
All Are Invited*



Mora Day Camp  
Saturday, October 12, 2019

Please join us for a day filled with lots of fun activities. You will not want to miss this! Parents are strongly encouraged to attend and learn how to make the most of the Scouting experience.

When: Saturday, October 12th, 2019

10:00am to 3:00pm

Where: Mora Lions Park

What: Scouts will participate in fun activities including BB Gun, Archery, Scout Skills, Crafts and much more. Adults will learn your role as a parent and as a volunteer in your Cub Scout Pack.

Parents are encouraged to enjoy the activities with their scouts.

Cost: \$15

Free with the **"Scout Me In Golden Ticket"** for new Scouts that join after August 1, 2019

Please pre-register so we have supplies on hand.

Sign up online at <https://scoutingevent.com/296-morafallfunday>

\*\*\*Weather permitting, the Scout activities will be outdoors and Scouts can take part in some shooting sports activities and other events! The event is rain or shine. We will have events indoors if weather is questionable.

### **Haunted Cub Prowl:**

Come have a Scary Good Time at Camp!!

This event is open to any Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Scouts, bring your friends and family to join in the fun.

**Saturday, October 26th** from 10:15 am-3 pm (check -in

begins at 9:30 am)

Flags will be at 10:15 at the Plaza.

**Where:** Parker Scout Camp

### **Fees:**

Free for New Scout with Golden Ticket

\$15 per Scout

\$15 per non Scout youth,

\$6 per Adult (covers the cost of lunch and event insurance).

**What to bring:** good foot wear, clothing appropriate for the weather and a water bottle. Lunch is provided.

**Wear a costume to participate in the costume contest!**

**Activities include: Haunted House, crafts, BB gun, Archery and more.**





## Webelos Adventure Weekend 2019 Schedule and sign up is all NEW!

Class periods are 1 hour and 40 minutes long. 2-Deep leadership is required, or parent and child. Weekend Fees: \$65 per Scout, \$30 per Adults.

**Day option: Saturday only, \$45 includes lunch for parent and youth. (do not register adult)**

**Register for sessions (ex. AM, PM) will be split into two classes.**

Half a period for Adventure Pin classes and half free period for

Elective Activities. You may come on Friday and stay through classes on Sunday, or you may come just part of the time.

Meals are included, some units may prefer to make their own in camp. Meals will be breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday. Please let us know if you are cooking your own meals. Friday evening is an excellent time to teach cooking skills.

Bring Health forms for both youth and adult: tenting and sleeping gear if camping (with extra blankets); personal gear, Webelos book: notebook and writing tool; water bottle and/or coffee cup; and clothes for any weather. October can be the best time to camp. (mosquitoes and humidity are usually gone!)

Class cost will cover camping, hot meals, program and supplies, facility expenses, coffee for adults, (please bring your own coffee mug.)

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

**Please plan to arrive after 5:15 on Friday, October 11, 2019  
please register by Wednesday, October 8!**

Webelos Adventure Weekend is a flexible advancement and fun event at Parker Scout Camp for Webelos that includes \*Adventure Pin classes and \*\*Electives and Field Activities/Scout Skills stations. Webelos are invited to attend with leaders and/or parents. Earn up to 3 PINS! Camping is available on Friday and Saturday nights just for fun or to help fulfill your Outdoor Adventurer Pin.

**\*Adventure Pins include:** Into the Woods, Engineer, First Responder, Aware and Care, Earth Rocks, and Castaway! (Not all classes may be offered in all periods.)

**\*\*Electives and Field Activities** may include BB Guns, Archery, Geocaching, Fire Building, Knot Tying, Cooking Demos, Gaga Ball, Whittling Chip, plus more.

Groups must bring their own tents and camping gear. Campers may arrive starting at 5:15 PM on Friday, please check in at the Administration Building.

The overnight camping is an opportunity to work on the Outdoors Adventure Pin on your own.

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### **DON'T FORGET YOUR HEALTH FORMS, ADULTS AND YOUTH!**

# Philmont Training Center – 2020

From the desk of Loren Meinke

Join other volunteers in the Pine Tree District to venture to the Philmont Training Center in the summer of 2020.

Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's largest National High Adventure Base and training center. It's located at the edge of the rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (the blood of Christ) range of the Rocky Mountains in northeastern New Mexico. Philmont has a unique history of ancient Native Americans who chipped petroglyphs into canyon walls, Spanish conquistadors, who explored the Southwest long before the first colonists arrived on the Atlantic coast, the rugged breed of mountain man such as Kit Carson, who blazed trails across the land, the great land barons like Lucien Maxwell who built ranches along the Santa Fe Trail and miners, loggers and cowboys. All left their mark on Philmont. The famous Tooth of Time served as a landmark for pioneers on the Santa Fe Trail to turn south to Santa Fe. Ruts are still on Philmont property.

The Philmont Training Center (PTC) is the national volunteer training center for the Boy Scouts of America. Since 1950, the PTC has provided a unique environment for training volunteers, creating leaders, and hosting family friendly experiences and adventures. Each year, more than 6,000 Scouters and their families attend the PTC.



Every conference at the PTC features tools, techniques, audiovisuals, discussions, idea sharing, and activities led by a faculty of experienced Scouters. All registered Scouters are invited to attend training center courses; council approval is not required. JOIN US!

Make it a family vacation – while you are in one of the most exhilarating training programs that you will ever attend your family can enjoy: **Small Fry - Children 2 months - 4 years old;** Philmont Staff provides age appropriate activities, games, pony rides, and supervised play throughout the conference week. **Bandits - Children 5 - 6 years old;** Bandits follow the Lion Scout activities and participate in nature hikes, pony rides, games, songs and skits, crafts, Villa and Museum tours, and two half-day hikes. **Ropers - Youth 7 years old;** Ropers follow the Tiger Scout program activities including hiking, Villa and Museum tours, archery and slingshots, pony rides, games, crafts, and an all-day hike. Based on group size, Ropers may be combined with Bandits or Deputies. **Deputies - Youth 8 - 9 years old;** Deputies



program follows the Wolf and Bear Scout activities including hiking, Villa and Museum tours, archery and BB guns, pony rides, games, crafts, and an all-day hike. **Sidewinders - Youth 10 years old**; Sidewinders follow the Webelos Scout program which enjoys hiking, sports, rock climbing, crafts, archery and BB guns, Villa and Museum tours, and a Sidewinder/Parent overnight camping trip. **Mustangs - Youth 11 - 13 years old**; Mustangs follow the Scouts, BSA program and have fun enjoying horse rides, archery and air rifles, handcraft projects, nature activities, outdoor cooking, games, Villa and Museum tours, and an overnight camping trip to Philmont's backcountry. **Broncos - Young Adults 14 - 20 years old**; Broncos follow the Venturing Scout program and enjoy a week of activities as a group including hiking, horse rides, Villa and Museum tours, local sight-seeing, COPE, shooting sports, and more. Participants will stay at the PTC with their families.

**Mountain Trek - Young Adults 14 - 20 years old**; Mountain Trek expeditions provide the opportunity to experience the rugged challenges of Philmont's mountains. Crews hike 20 to 30 miles into the backcountry, where participants stay at several camps that offer a variety of exciting programs while also having time to relax and enjoy the natural beauty of Philmont. **Silverados - Non-Conference Adults 21+ years old**; The Silverados program is for adult family members to experience a wide variety of adventure at the PTC. A wide range of activities are planned that may include Villa and Museum tours, local history, Indian arts programs, pottery-making demonstrations, guided nature walks, COPE, fishing, and trips to nearby towns such as Red River or Angel Fire. Silverados carpool to any hike or activity away from PTC.

But -- you will still enjoy your meals with your family unless they are on a field trip. And -- part or most of Wednesday is yours to tour the area such as Taos where the only Navajo village still functions in the old way.

Several people are committed to the Relationship's Week (2020 schedule will be released this summer) conferences but if something else catches your fancy then do that.

More information to follow as the year progresses or just log onto Philmont Scout Ranch and seek all that they offer.



Hello Scouting Family,

The school year is now in full swing and our young people are meeting in their packs and troops. We are still looking for more young people to grow our units. Several items are available to our leaders and Scouts to assist them with additional recruiting. One such item is the invite a friend card, which looks like a birthday invitation but this card invited the young person to come to the next den or pack meeting. I encourage every pack to send these cards to school with their Scouts. It is proven that the number one way to recruit a young person into the scouting programs is to have a peer recruit them.

We have several things coming up in the month of October. Training opportunities for our adult leaders in any position. Training continues to be an important focus of the District Key 3. Every Scout deserves a Trained Leader. A Trained Leader knows the resources available to them and how to run a successful meeting. We want every leader to be successful in their efforts and have fun running their unit. Also, at the end of the month we have the Haunted Cub Prowl. This is a fun filled, spooktacular day camp at Parker Scout Camp.

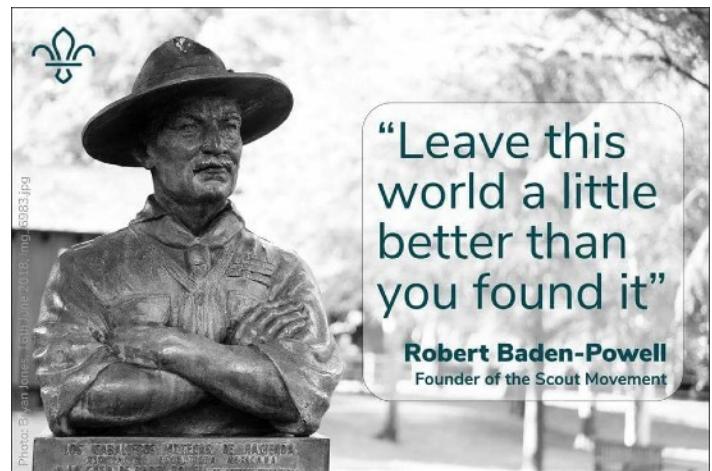
We are very excited to announce that the district has partnered with the Crow Wing County Sheriff's office to create a new Explorer Post with a law enforcement focus. The post is having an open house on Wednesday to give young people an opportunity to join and learn more about the post.

Thank you to everyone who attended and provided support for the Fall Camporee.

There will be a Flag Plaza dedication this Saturday at Parker Scout Camp. You should have received a letter from the Council Leadership Team with the details and a request for RSVP. Look forward to seeing you at camp this weekend for the dedication. The plaza has turned out beautifully and the purpose behind it has helped secure the future of the camp. There is still much more to be done and the form can be found in the newsletter to purchase a brick in the plaza if you would like to do so. Camp is a great resource for our Scouts and helps provide opportunities to create memories.

I look forward to visiting units this fall and seeing how programs are going and helping to provide resources to ensure our youth are having fun and successful programs.

In Service,  
Ken



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

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