The BSA Expands Programs to Welcome Girls from Cub Scouts to Highest Rank of Eagle Scout

Today, the Boy Scouts of America Board of Directors unanimously approved to welcome girls into its iconic Cub Scout program and to deliver a Scouting program for older girls that will enable them to advance and earn the highest rank of Eagle Scout. The historic decision comes after years of receiving requests from families and girls, the organization evaluated the results of numerous research efforts, gaining input from current members and leaders, as well as parents and girls who've never been involved in Scouting - to understand how to offer families an important additional choice in meeting the character development needs of all their children.

"This decision is true to the BSA's mission and core values outlined in the Scout Oath and Law. The values of Scouting - trustworthy, loyal, helpful, kind, brave and reverent, for example - are important for both young men and women," said Michael Surbaugh, the BSA's Chief Scout Executive. "We believe it is critical to evolve how
our programs meet the needs of families interested in positive and lifelong experiences for their children. We strive to bring what our organization does best - developing character and leadership for young people - to as many families and youth as possible as we help shape the next generation of leaders."

For program details and the full release from National BSA please click here.

For more information about the expanded opportunities for family Scouting, please visit the family Scouting page.

Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet

The World Organization of the Scout Movement is celebrating the 60th Anniversary of JOTA and JOTI!

Happening October 20-22, below are links to the most up-to-date information for your Pack, Troop, or Crew to participate! Make sure you pre-order your patch by calling the Anchorage Scout Shop at (907) 337-9547

Official JOTA-JOTI Website (Don't forget to register!)

Jamboree on the Air BSA Information Link with Leader Guide

Jamboree on the Internet BSA Information Link with Leader Guide

Get the Scout Discount for the Harlem Globetrotters Event!

Use discount code BSA when you call (907) 786-7809 to reserve your tickets. Don't forget to wear you
uniform to the games on Saturday October 21st or Sunday October 22nd.

**Wear Your Cammo Best for this year's Annual Auction**

You're invited to the biggest fundraising event of the year! Join us in your best cammo to blend in to the Hunting Theme. The night of fun games, raffles, and bidding at the Anchorage Downtown Hilton starts at 5:30 p.m.

We are aiming for your support! Help us hit our mark! [Click Here to Register]

Interested in volunteering November 18th or donating? Contact Danyelle Schauer at 907-952-4647

**Southcentral Training Opportunities**

Upcoming in-person training opportunities. Online training is available at [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org)

**Outdoor Leader Training**

This training covers Basic Adult Outdoor Orientation, Outdoor Webelos Leader Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. These trainings are in-person only.

- **Date:** October 27-28
- **Location:** Camp Gorsuch
- **Cost:** $15
  [Click Here](#) to Register

**Super Saturday**

Super Saturday hosts all of the position specific trainings required to wear the trained patch by adult leaders in Scouting. These trainings are available online and in-person.

- **Date:** November 4th
- **Location:** LDS Muldoon Chapel
**Okpik**
Okpik is a cold weather training for youth and adult scouters. This is an overnight training available with a limited number of slots.
Date: November 17-18
Location: Camp Gorsuch
[Click Here](#) for More Information (Registration to Open Soon!)

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**Popcorn News and Updates**

Scouts who sell at least $2,500 (online, face-to-face, or combination) in any calendar year will have 6% of their Qualified Product Sales count towards their own Trail's End Scholarship*. Once enrolled, 6% of their sales each year will go towards the scholarship*.

*Reporting of sales is not automatic, and forms must be submitted to Trail's End via the Council each year. Scouts only have to hit the $2,500 minimum one time, and don't forget online sales count!*

Scouts who have qualified in the past will want to fill out a Scholarship Form for this year, with this year's sales, so they can be added to their total scholarship.

You can get a scholarship form and submit it to the Council at [https://www.scoutingalaska.org/scholarship](https://www.scoutingalaska.org/scholarship)

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**Cub Scouts**

Plan Today for your Cub Scout Derbies!
A year of fun activities starts with planning. Cub Scouting offers several exciting derbies for Scouts to take part in!

Space Derby  
Raingutter Regatta  
Pinewood Derby  
Cubmobile Derby

The Anchorage Scout office has a space derby set-up and pinewood derby track available for local units to check out for their races. We are well stocked to supply your next race! From racers to ribbons and pins, we are here to help you be prepared!

Click Here to Learn More about these exciting Derbies!

Adult Lion T-Shirts are Here!

The shipment has arrived with adult sized Lion t-shirts! These shirts are for all parents and adult partners of Lion Scouts. Don't wait! Get yours today!

Address: 3117 Patterson Street  
Anchorage  
Phone: (907) 337-9547

Boy Scouts, Varsity, and Venturing

Scoutcast: Scouts and Scholarships

Did someone say, "Free money"? Let's face it - because Scouts get to have some incredible experiences, they already have an advantage to receiving a lot of scholarships.
that are out there. But did you know that there are many scholarships that are Eagle Scout-specific? Ryan Larson, the Associate Director for Alumni Relations at the National Service Center, joins the Scoutcast team to explain what's out there, where they are, and how and when to apply.


Troop Meeting Activities: Games and Challenges

The resource below is from the troop program resources website produced by National BSA.

"As Scout leaders, an important objective is to ensure Scout meetings are fun with positive outcomes. This compilation of Scouting activities is made up of challenges and games which can be incorporated into troop meetings to help satisfy that objective."

Click Here to go to Troop Meeting Activities

Order of the Arrow News

Fall Fellowship of the Ring

The Lodge Fall Fellowship will be October 20-22 at Camp Gorsuch! This is our last major event of the year where you will experience fun, fellowship. Saturday night will also be the Annual Business meeting where we will elected our lodge officers for the coming year! We hope you are able to join us for one final hoorah!

Register Now

Charter Renewal and
Membership Dues

It is that time of year again to re-charter for the new year! Like the Council, in order to remain a member of the Order of the Arrow lodge one must renew their dues annually. It is easy to remember and do during the BSA re-charter time for the new year.

For more information see the website by Clicking Here

District Information

Bear Paw District

The Bear Paw District covers the communities of Palmer, Wasilla, Valdez, Big Lake, Willow, Talkeetna, Glennallen and Nome.

Click Here to visit the Bear Paw District Page

Questions? Contact John Lubbers, Assistant Scout Executive
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Denali District

The Denali District covers the communities of Anchorage (South of Tudor, West of Gambell), Girdwood, Indian.

Click Here to visit the Denali District Page

Questions? Contact Brad Lewis, District Executive
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Eklutna District

The Eklutna District covers the communities of Anchorage (North of Tudor, East of Gambell), Eagle River, Birchwood, Peter's Creek, Chugiak, and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

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Questions? Contact Mathieu Frohlich, District Executive
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Maritime District

The Maritime District covers the communities of Haines, Skagway, Sitka, Gustavus, and the greater Juneau area.

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Questions? Contact the Thomas Ramos, District Para-Professional
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Totem District

The Totem District covers the communities of Ketchikan, Prince of Wales, Wrangell, and Petersburg.

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Questions? Contact the John Lubbers, Assistant Scout Executive
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Tustumena District

The Tustumena District covers the Kenai Peninsula, in addition to the rural communities of Alaska including Kodiak and Cordova.

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