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Feedback requested

Please take a minute and [let us know](#) what you think about this weekly newsletter.

2023 National Membership Kick-Off

It's that time of year...time to invite new families to experience the fun and excitement only Scouting can provide! You play a critical role in asking new families to join.

To help you do that, BSA would like to share a few best practices and tips to take your joining events to the next

Council Calendar

Osage Hills District Roundtable

1st Thursday of the month,
August through May

Grand Lake District Roundtable

2nd Thursday of the month,
August through May

[Click here to see the full Council calendar](#)

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Executive Board meeting

Thursday, August 10 2023

[Unit Show & Sell orders due at Scout office](#)

Thursday, August 31, 2023

[Show & Sell Distribution - Sale Begins](#)

Friday, September 1, 2023

[Miller Pecan Turn in Date](#)

Friday, September 1, 2023

[Popcorn Take Order Sale Begins -- Online Portal Opens](#)

Monday, September 4, 2023

Scout Service Center closed

Saturday, September 9, 2023

[OA Work Day](#)

level. Hear about these things and more at the National Fall Membership Kick-Off!

What: 2023 National Fall Membership Kick-Off

Where: Thursday, August 17, 2023
8pm Eastern / 7pm Central / 6pm Mountain / 5pm Pacific

How: Zoom Webinar

Let's help more families than ever experience Scouting!

Join us to kick-off a great Fall!
Register today!

[REGISTER](#)



Fall Popcorn Sales

This year's Fall popcorn fundraising campaign opens on August 3rd with a Kickoff for unit Popcorn Kernels. Watch the Council calendar for details about the kickoff meeting.

The fundraising campaign includes three parts - Miller Pecans, Camp Master popcorn, and a new Calendar Program. See below for key dates for each part of the fundraising campaign.

Complete information about this year's fundraising campaign is available [HERE](#)

(1) MILLER PECAN [information, including an order form](#)

Take Order Turn-in Date -- Delivery Date

- Friday, Sept. 1 ----- Friday, Sept. 8
- Friday, Oct. 6 ----- Friday, Oct. 13
- Friday, Nov. 3 ----- Friday, Nov. 10
- Friday, Dec. 1 ----- Friday, Dec. 8

QUESTIONS? Contact [Adam Husong](#)

(2) CAMP MASTER POPCORN [General Information](#)

Show & Sell

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023
[Sky Trail Adventure Run](#)

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 22-24, 2023
[Fall Camporee](#)

Fri-Sun, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2023
[Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills \(IOLS\)](#)

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023
[OH Hooked on Scouting](#)

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023
[GL Hooked on Scouting](#)

Sunday, October 1, 2023
[OH Den Leader Training](#)

Friday, October 6, 2023
[Miller Pecan Turn In Date](#)

Sat.-Sun., Oct. 6-7, 2023
[BALOO - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation](#)

Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023
[GL Den Leader Training](#)

Monday, October 9, 2023
[Live Constitution](#)

Tuesday, October 10, 2023
Executive Board meeting

Fri.-Sun., October 13-15
[OA Fall Fellowship and Ordeal](#)

Saturday, October 21, 2023
[OH Cuboree](#)

Saturday, October 28, 2023
[Electronics MB Workshop](#) - Vinita

Monday, October 30, 2023
[Show & Sell Invoice ends and invoice due](#)

Friday, November 3, 2023
[Miller Pecan Turn In Date](#)

Friday, November 3, 2023
[Fill It Up Drawing](#)

Fri.-Sun., Nov. 3-5, 2023
[GL Webelos Woods](#)

- August 10 -- Unit Show & Sell orders due to the Scout office
- August 31 -- Show & Sell destruction date - Sale begins
- October 30 -- Show & Sell ends - all unsold popcorn is due back to the Scout office **only after units have filled their existing take orders**
- October 30 -- Show & Sell invoice payable at the Scout office to receive full commission **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Take Order

- September 1 -- Take Order sale begins & online portal opens
- November 29 -- Take Order sale ends & unit orders due to Scout office
- November 29 - Prize portal opens
- December 15 -- Take Order popcorn distribution
- December 28 -- Take Order invoice payable at the Scout office to receive full commission **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- December 28 -- Prize Portal closes

\$1,200 Party -- Saturday, December 2, at 11:30 AM at Dave & Busters in Tulsa

Fill It Up Drawings at 4 PM - \$50 gift certificate from the Scout Shop

- November 3
- November 10
- November 30

QUESTIONS? Contact [Diana Wise](#)

(3) CALENDAR PROGRAM

- August - Units opt-in
- August 31 - August payment
- September 29 - September payment
- October 30 - deadline to submit pictures
- October 30 - October payment
- November 29 - Last day to turn in payments
- December 15 - distribution day

QUESTIONS? Contact [Summer Lamb](#)



Service Hours Opportunity Sky Trail Adventure Challenge

We will be needing volunteers to help with this event. Please contact Ranger Dave or Tiffany at the office if you can help!

Friday, November 10, 2023

[Fill It Up Drawing](#)

Saturday, November 11, 2023

[GL Den Leader Training](#)

Saturday, November 11, 2023

[Electronics MB Workshop](#) - Bartlesville

Fri.-Sat., Nov. 17-18, 2023

[Vigil Weekend](#)

Wed.-Fri., Nov. 22-24, 2023

Scout Service Center closed

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023

[Take Order Sale Ends -- Unit order due at Scout office -- Prize Portal Opens](#)

Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023

[Fill It Up Drawing](#)

Friday, December 1, 2023

[Miller Pecan Turn in Date](#)

Saturday, December 2, 2023

[\\$1,200 Popcorn Party](#)

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Executive Board and Annual Meeting

Friday, December 15, 2023

[Take Order Distribution](#)

Friday, December 22, 2023

Scout Service Center closed

Mon.-Tues., Dec. 25-26, 2023

Scout Service Center closed

Thursday, December 28, 2023

[Take Order Invoice due -- Popcorn Prize Portal closes](#)

News from Unts Around the Council



Isaac Rupprecht from **Troop 2** attended NYLT recently. He did amazing!



Troop 5 camped at Roaring River. They caught and cooked their own dinner!



Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa County worked on Pinewood Derby cars and conducted the requisite race!

- Monday was spent designing and cutting out cars for 81 boys and girls!
- Tuesday was spent sanding and painting and putting wheels and axles on.
- Wednesday was race day!

The kids had an amazing time! A huge thank you to Ottawa County United Way for helping with the Derby Cars and to the staff at the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa County for all their help and support.



**Upcoming opportunities
to learn more about the
2023 CAMP MASTERS
POPCORN program**



This training is suitable for Popcorn Kernels, Parents, and Unit Leaders. It has been proven successful over and over again, not only providing all the money the Units and the youth need for their entire year of Scouting but also teaching skills that will benefit them throughout life.

[Friday, August 11th - 6:30 PM EST](#)

[Saturday August 19, 11 AM EST](#)



**Scouts can apply now for the
2023-24 National Youth Council**

The Scouts BSA program is meant to be led by youth and guided by adults. The National Youth Council — a group of youth that will help shape the future of the Scouts BSA program — is an extension of that philosophy.

The National Youth Council is made up of 30 youth with a wide range of experiences and backgrounds from councils across all areas served by the BSA. Their job is to share their perspectives on the program's strengths and growth areas, and to initiate discussions on which topics should be important moving forward.

As the National Scouts BSA Committee develops programmatic ideas, the council has the opportunity to provide feedback and offer their thoughts

[Find out more about the National Youth Council, including eligibility requirements and the application process.](#)

Interested Scouts can apply between now and Aug. 31, 2023.

**Now's a good time to
make sure your
BeAScout pin is up to
date**



There are [lots of different ways](#) to [recruit new members](#) to Scouting. One of the easiest and most valuable is to make sure your unit's information is up to date at BeAScout.org, the official BSA site that allows members of the public to find Scouting units near them.

The BeAScout website allows anyone to search for a Cub Scout pack, Scouts BSA troop, Venturing crew, Sea Scout ship, or Exploring post by zip code. We call the search results "pins" because they're displayed on a web page that looks like pins on a map.

Each pin represents a different Scouting unit, and when you click on a pin, you find contact information and sometimes even an online application that allows a public member to sign up for your unit right then and there.

There's just one catch: You have to keep your unit's information up to date; otherwise, people looking to join the BSA could be greeted by outdated email addresses and phone numbers.

The good news is, it's easy to do. [Here's how.](#)



Woodbadge 2024

Our friends in Quivira Council, Boy Scouts of America are hosting Wood Badge in April 2024.

Wood Badge is a premiere leadership training opportunity available to Scouting volunteers at all levels.

I hope to see you there!

<https://scoutingevent.com/198-67222>

Summer Lamb
Osage Hills District

[Council Facebook](#)

[GL District Facebook](#)

[OH District Facebook](#)