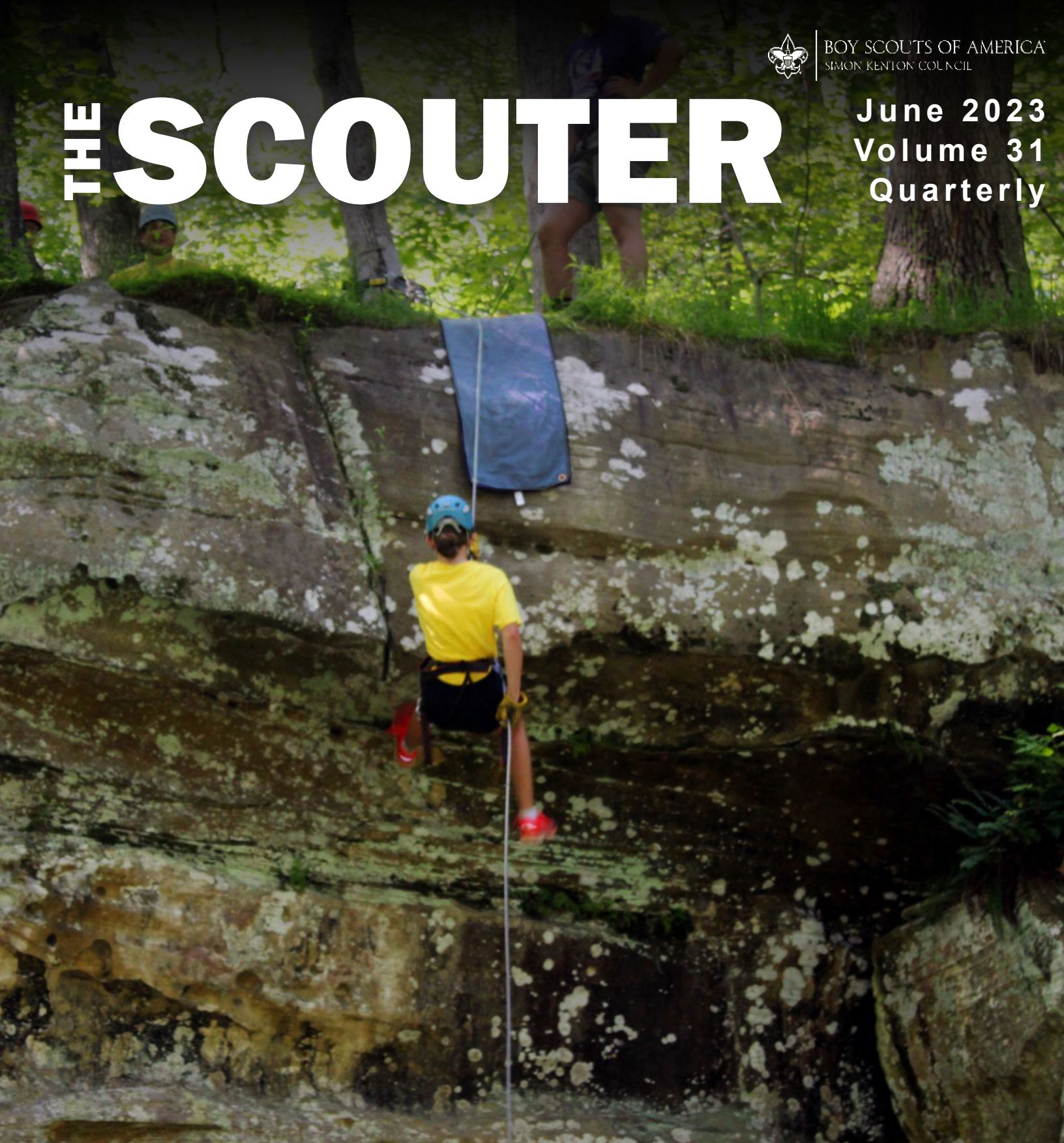




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**New Council
Leadership**



**The 2023
Turtle**



**Community
Impact**



From the Scout Executive



Another summer is upon us, and Simon Kenton Council is gearing up for lots of fun and adventure. Attendance at Camp Falling Rock is looking good, with many weeks at or near capacity. Cub Scout day camps are also well ahead of last year's attendance rates, so be sure to get registered soon.

A great deal has transpired behind the scenes in Scouting as well. Our national organization has successfully emerged from financial reorganization (bankruptcy) and is poised to continue along the path of instilling values, character and leadership skills to our nation's young people as it has for 113 years. However, the BSA's plan of reorganization comes with some significant changes and enhancements to how we operate in Scouting. Many of those will unfold over the coming months.

The most noticeable changes are within Scouting's barriers to abuse. In order to gain approval of the plan of reorganization from multiple interested constituent groups in the process (e.g., abuse survivors, chartered organizations, insurance carriers and more), the BSA had to build in additional safeguards and oversight to our Youth Protection procedures. Things like requiring all adults on Scouts BSA overnight campouts to be registered in a fee-paid position may seem like a money-grab for the organization, and while there are some inevitable financial changes to come, the real reason for this change is to ensure that everyone on a Scout overnight has completed a background check and has undergone Youth Protection Training.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and continued commitment to keeping Scouting one of the safest places for our children.

Have a great summer!

Jeff Moe
Scout Executive

There's a Camp for Everyone

Scouts BSA Camp Falling Rock

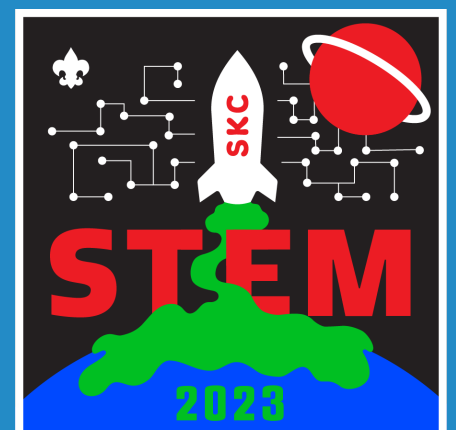


Camp Falling Rock
Simon Kenton Council

Cub Scout Day Camps Throughout the Council



STEM Day Camp Camp Lazarus





Welcome to Our New Council Leadership

Bill Kiefaber, President and Owner of Marketing Works has agreed to become our council's next president. Bill will serve as president-elect in addition to his role as VP – Revenue Development until his term begins in February of 2024.

Bill has served on the SKC board since 2016. He served as VP – Marketing from November 2020 to February 2022, when he moved to his current role.

Bill also has served Autism Speaks as executive committee member of the Columbus Walk and has served as a board member of the Jazz Arts Group for 9 years. He co-founded Convene Columbus and continues to serve as a board member. He is a former board member of Leadership Columbus, the Small Business Council of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, and is a longtime member of the Columbus Kiwanis Club, where he has held several leadership roles.



Scouting is for EVERY Youth!



A steady flow of youth into your Scouting unit is essential. New Scouts and families bring energy and enthusiasm to the program! A unit should add at least 10 new Scouting families every year. Having a year-round growth plan in place will help attract new Scouts.

SKC recently conducted its 2023 Membership Kickoff & Training. Over 80 units participated, learning the best

methods to grow Scouting and prepare for conducting a recruitment in the fall. The recording of the training and materials distributed is available at www.skcscouts.org/membership.

Prioritize appointing a membership recruitment coordinator and picking a date to conduct your fall recruitment. Resources and marketing materials to utilize at your fall recruitment event will be distributed at August roundtables.

Let's grow Scouting in 2023!




Around the Council



Velvet Ice Cream SCOUT DAY 2023

DATE: AUGUST 5, 2023
TIME: 10AM - 2PM
COST: \$5

Camporee
with the Columbus Clippers
Friday, July 14th at 7:05 PM



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
SHAWN KENTON COUNCIL



Green Bar
Scoutmaster Specific
and Introduction to
Outdoor Leader Skills
Enhanced Training
Weekend 1: August 25-27
Weekend 2: September 15-17



Course 1
April 14-16 & April 21-23
Camp Lazarus

Course 2
June 4-10
Camp Oyo

Course 3
June 11-17
Camp Oyo

Registration open now!



Wood Badge is a two-weekend immersion and practice of advance leadership skills. Both weekends are required to complete the course. Wood Badge is an advanced, national leadership course open to all Scouting volunteers and professionals. Pricing is based upon paid in full date. Gain a deeper understanding of scouting, apply skills throughout your Scouting career, network with new people, build skills to use in your unit, work, family life and community and have fun!

Fall Course: August 11- 13 & September 9 - 10



Leadership within Our Local Communities

Leadership development is a core purpose of Scouting. Young people lead their peers, plan events, and provide community service while they grow personally through Scouting. We are proud to be associated with great companies and selfless leaders who make our community a better place to live and work.

The Simon Kenton Council Leadership Luncheon is the premier community awareness and fundraising event for Scouting. The luncheon recognizes a local company with the Community Leadership Award and a community leader who serves underserved communities with the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award. In 2022, the Gilbane Building Company and Alonzo Ali were honored with these distinguished awards for their service to Central Ohio.

The 2023 Leadership Luncheon honored Miles-McClellan Construction with the Community Leadership Award. Building a community is more than just constructing buildings. Building a community requires being an active participant within the community. As a company, Miles-McClellan supports 58 non-profit organizations, provides paid internships, offers apprenticeships and mentoring, and supports their employees' causes monetarily and by allowing them to volunteer during work hours. The firm has a Community IMMPact committee that actively seeks out small community projects, whether building a playground or a ramp for a disabled veteran. The focus is to improve the neighborhoods where they raise their kids.



Ralph Smithers, Jr. is the 2023 recipient of the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award. Ralph is the assistant vice president, diversity, equity and inclusion and community relations, at Encova Insurance. Ralph earned a BS in finance and insurance from The Ohio State University. He currently serves on the Lincoln Theater Board of Directors, co-chairs the Rocky Fork-Blacklick Accord and is a member of the Lambda Boule of Sigma Pi Phi.

Ralph has been awarded the Outstanding Diversity Champion by Columbus Business First, the President's Award from the Columbus Urban League, Advocate of the Year by the Ohio Minority Suppliers Development Council and the Distinguished Community Service Award by The Ohio State University.

We congratulate both honorees and are grateful for all they do within our community.



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2023 Turtle Hike



The Gateway district activities committee was very pleased to bring back the Turtle Camporee this year! After six long years, the legacy hiking event made a triumphant return at a new location, Burr Oak State Park. Named after the titular Turtle who carries his home on his back, this backpacking trip had many veterans take part, but even more first-timers who braved the muddy trails along the lakeside. Despite the efforts of the activities committee, who had taken many days and work-hours to clear trails, Burr Oak saw a large quantity of rainfall, which created a challenging trail and sections of flooding from the lake. Conditions suitable for a high-adventure shakedown!

With an attendance of 464 Scouts and Scouters, the Turtle has been the largest district camporee hosted since the beginning of COVID-19. The sprawling camp city was a welcome sight and a reminder of just how many youth our program impacts, with members from across our Council and multiple units from out-of-council participating.

During campfire, the annual tap-out for Order of the Arrow occurred, alongside the gifting of the largest James E. West Award the Simon Kenton Council has seen to Rob Fann, the chair of the activities committee which organized and oversaw the event. Thank you for your cheerful service and thank you everyone who took part in this challenging hike!



2023 Key Popcorn Dates

Popcorn Trainings

Training #1: Thursday, July 27 at 6:30 pm In person at 807 Kinnear Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43212

Training #2: Tuesday, August 1 at 6:30 pm In person at 807 Kinnear Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43212
New Kernel Ask Me Anything: Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30 pm.

Order, Distribution and Return Information

Pecatonica River Online Store is Open: Monday, August 1 – Monday, November 20

Show & Sell Orders Due: Friday, August 18

Show & Sell Distribution: Wednesday, September 6 – Saturday, September 9
*Specifics vary by district

Show & Sell Sale Starts: Saturday, September 9

1st Swap Day: Saturday, September 23

2nd Swap Day: Saturday, October 7

3rd Swap Day: Saturday, October 21

Final Swap Day/Super Saturday/Last Day of Show-n-Sell: Saturday, October 28

*Final opportunity to return popcorn ****No returns on chocolate products**

Take-Orders Due:

Monday, October 30

Take Order Distribution:

Wednesday, November 15 – Saturday, November 18

*Specifics vary by district

Last Day to Place Prize Orders & Invoices Paid in Full: Friday, December 8

***Simon Kenton Council will not accept returns of chocolate products. The list of chocolate products for 2023 includes Sea Salt Splash, Peanut Butter Cup, Chocolate Pretzels, and the Chocolate Lover's Collection.*



Graduating Class of Eagle Scouts



Area Eagle Scouts preparing to graduate with the class of 2023 recently posed for a picture at the Marysville football stadium. Pictured above are, from left to right: Jon Paul Kern, Troop 101, Early College High School (ECHS); Jackson Liddle, Troop 355, ECHS; Noah Trouten, Troop 101, ECHS; Trevor Hoyt, Troop 644, ECHS; Matt Shepherd, Troop 101, ECHS; Libby Greenbaum, Troop 777, homeschooled; Danny Reisinger, Troop 158, Fairbanks; Kimmie Reese, Troop 777, ECHS; Nathan Moledor, Troop 101, ECHS; Jack Shepherd, Troop 101, ECHS; Hayden Gledhill, Troop 634, ECHS; Rossi Wrenn, Troop 355, ECHS; and Logan Brunswick, Troop 355, ECHS. Not pictured is Bryson Tillman, Troop 355, Fairbanks.

Summer Camp Helpful Tips & Tricks



As summer camp quickly approaches, here are a few helpful tips to remember prior to your arrival:

Don't Forget Blue Cards

Blue cards are the easiest way to keep track of a Scout's progress through merit badge requirements. Each blue card requires the unit leader's approval and signature, the Scout's name, and the name of the merit badge itself.

Good Hygiene is Required!

Hygiene is important at camp. Not only does it minimize the risk of sickness, but it also helps Scouts feel better throughout the week. Please remember to pack all the appropriate toiletries needed to keep your Scout clean.

Hydration

Drinking water throughout the day is extremely important, especially throughout the summer months of high-impact activities and excessive heat.

Scouts that hydrate have a significantly better experience for the week.

Homesickness

Having a comfort item and going with friends and scheduling a full day for your Scout can also help deal with homesickness. Before they leave for camp, discuss what makes them anxious and try to work through it with them. Unit and camp leadership are there to help as well.



Project Camp



May is the perfect time of year in Ohio to get back outdoors. The Simon Kenton Council believes that time in the outdoors is an important aspect of learning and growing for youth. The outdoors provides a great classroom for learning new skills and for building self-confidence. Students from Westside Academy came to Camp Lazarus to do just that.

Seventy students participated in Project Camp, a 4-hour immersive outdoor experience for non-Scouts. Westside Academy is a public charter school in the Hilltop neighborhood of Columbus. The school has a very diverse student body, but most of the youth come from families of recent immigrants. For most of these youth, this was the first time that they have seen a snake or shot an arrow.

Activities were led by council staff and volunteers while schoolteachers guided youth between activities. One 12-year-old girl got the chance to catch a fish at the pond. She won't soon forget the excitement of catching her first fish, removing it from the hook, and releasing it. Other students made memories playing Gaga, archery, taking a nature hike and exploring the nature center.

Westside Academy is home to Pack 3683 and Troops 683, 7683. After Project Camp, there were definitely some new recruits for these units!

This program is financially sponsored by Greif, an industrial packaging company in Delaware, Ohio. Greif has been generously donating for years to ensure youth from hard-to-reach areas get to experience nature and outdoor activities as a part of their school day.

2023 Calendar of Events

Saturday, June 10 - June 11

Wilderness First Aid

An intense 18+ hours of training covering how to provide care when you are more than an hour from medical services. **\$75**

Saturday, June 9 - June 10

BSA Surveying Merit Badge

Scouts will learn all the basics of surveying. **\$10**

Sunday, June 11 - Saturday, June 17

National Youth Leadership Training Course 3

NYLT is a 6-day experience based on activities of a typical unit during a month of program. **\$225**

Monday, June 12 - Friday, June 16

Red Arrow Day Camp

Then have your Cub Scout grab their gear and join us for an awesome adventure! **\$120**

Monday, June 12 - Thursday, June 15

Webelos Summer Camp

Summer camp is one of the highlights of a pack's year-round program. **\$180**

Sunday, June 18 - Saturday, June 24

CFR Summer Camp Week 1

\$375

Sunday, June 25 - Saturday, July 1

CFR Summer Camp Week 2

\$375

Monday, June 26 - Friday, June 30

Frontier District Day Camp

Then have your Cub Scout grab their gear and join us for an awesome adventure! **\$120**

Sunday, July 2 - Saturday, July 8

CFR Summer Camp Week 3

\$375

Sunday, July 9 - Saturday, July 15

CFR Summer Camp Week 4

\$375

Monday, July 10 - Friday, July 14

Polaris District Day Camp

Then have your Cub Scout grab their gear and join us for an awesome adventure! **\$120**

Sunday, July 16 - Saturday, July 22

CFR Summer Camp Week 5

\$375

Monday, July 17 - Friday, July 21

Gateway District Day Camp

Then have your Cub Scout grab their gear and join us for an awesome adventure! **\$120**

Monday, July 17 - Friday, July 28

National Jamboree

Simon Kenton Council contingent heads to Summit Bechtel Reserve for National Jamboree **\$1,800**

Sunday, July 23 - Saturday, July 29

CFR Summer Camp Week 6

\$375

Monday, July 24 - Friday, July 28

Rocky Fork Day Camp

Then have your Cub Scout grab their gear and join us for an awesome adventure! **\$120**

Monday, July 24 - Friday, July 28

STEM Day Camp

Then have your Cub Scout grab their lab coat and goggles and join us for an awesome adventure! **\$150**

Friday, July 28 - Saturday, July 29

Frontier District Summer BALOO Training

Basic Adult Leadership Outdoor Orientation or BALOO is a required training to take Cub Scouts camping. **\$25**

Friday, August 5 - Saturday, August 6

Polaris District IOLS

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) gives adult leaders the practical knowledge they need to help Scouts to learn outdoor skills. **\$25**

2023 Calendar of Events

Monday, August 7

2023 Scout Golf Classic

Bring your colleagues and join us for a day of golfing while supporting our Scouts ***Pricing Varies***

Thursday, August 10

11th Annual Newark Mayor's Breakfast

Join us for the annual celebration and recognition of the Eagle Scouts from Licking County. ***Pricing Varies***

Friday, August 11 - August 13

Wood Badge Fall - Weekend 1

This Wood Badge Course consists of two weekends in camp and at least one meeting in-between. **\$240**

Friday, August 18 - August 20

CFR Frontier Program Fall Rendezvous

Open to any Scouts in the Frontier Program ***TBD***

Friday, August 25

2023 Clay Classic

Whether you are a first-time shooter or a seasoned pro, you will enjoy the competition and the feeling of knowing your sponsorship prepared a young person for life. ***Pricing Varies***

Friday, August 25 - August 27

Green Bar - Weekend 1

Green Bar is an enhanced training course for leaders and interested parents. **\$95**

Saturday, August 26 - August 27

Wilderness First Aid

An intense 18+ hours of training covering how to provide care when you are more than an hour from medical services. **\$75**

Friday, September 9 - September 10

Wood Badge Fall - Weekend 2

This Wood Badge Course consists of two weekends in camp and at least one meeting in-between. **\$240**

Friday, September 15 - September 17

Green Bar - Weekend 1

Green Bar is an enhanced training course for leaders and interested parents. **\$95**

Saturday, August 16 - August 17

Wilderness First Aid

An intense 18+ hours of training covering how to provide care when you are more than an hour from medical services. **\$75**

Saturday, September 23

Shoot-O-Ree

Round up the whole clan and herd them out to Camp Lazarus! **\$15**

Friday, September 29 - October 1

Polaris Fall Camporee

Scouting Fun for all! **\$20**

Saturday, September 30 - Sunday, October 1

Polaris District Fall BALOO Training

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Looking for more events?

<https://skcscouts.org/calendar/>

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