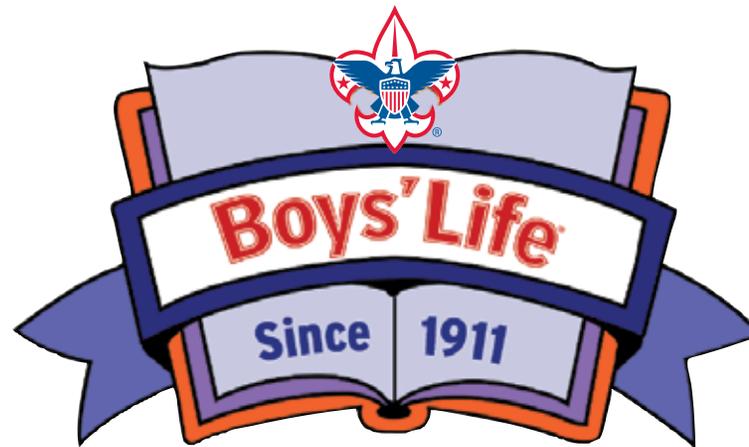


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Additional dates through 2022
Building the Council Annual Plan



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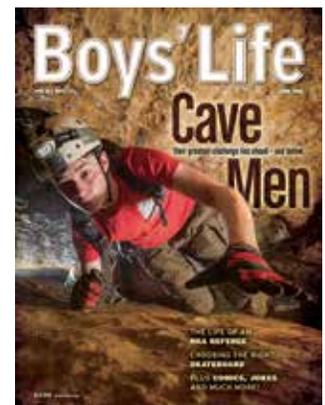
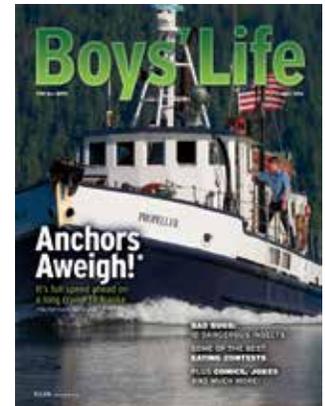
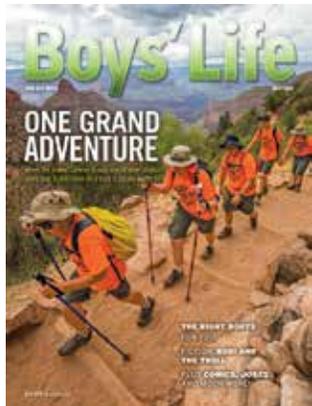
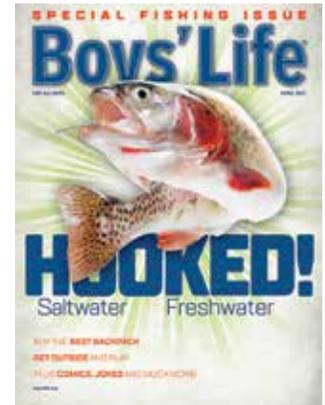
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SEPTEMBER 2017

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OCTOBER 2017

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29	30	31	Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Thrifty  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Soccer			

NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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26	27	28	29	30	<p><i>BOYS' LIFE</i> subscriptions make great gifts for new Scouts! Go to boyslife.org</p>	

DECEMBER 2017

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JANUARY 2018

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	 New Year's Day					
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	 Martin Luther King Jr. Day					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Helpful  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Games		

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Cheerful  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Communication				1	2	3
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Scouting Anniversary Week begins. Scout Sunday				Scouting Anniversary Day		Scouting Anniversary Week ends. Scout Sabbath
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Valentine's Day			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	 Presidents' Day			Founders Day		
25	26	27	28	Pedro delivers relevant and exciting stories to readers of all ages. What's in his mailbag for your Scouts?		

MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Trustworthy  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Living History			Use the budget plan for 100 percent <i>BOYS' LIFE</i>	1 <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> Anniversary Day	2	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 St. Patrick's Day
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APRIL 2018

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29	30	<p>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Loyal </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Fishing </div> </div>				

MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<i>BOYS' LIFE</i> readers stay in Scouting longer.						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Mother's Day						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Friendly  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Skateboarding	
	 Memorial Day					

JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Father's Day	25	26	27	28	29	30

JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4  Independence Day	5	6	7
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<p>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</p> <p> Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Brave</p> <p> Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Music</p>			

AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Clean  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature: Shotgun Shooting			1	2	3	4
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26	27	28	29	30	31	<i>BOYS' LIFE</i> is essential.

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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18	19	20	21	22  Thanksgiving Day	23	24
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DECEMBER 2018

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 21

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6

St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, March 17

Good Friday

Friday, April 19

Passover Begins

Saturday, April 20

Easter

Sunday, April 21

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12

Memorial Day

Monday, May 27

Flag Day

Friday, June 14

Father's Day

Sunday, June 16

Independence Day

Thursday, July 4

Labor Day

Monday, September 2

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 30

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 9

Columbus Day (observed)

Monday, October 14

Election Day

Tuesday, November 5

Veterans Day

Monday, November 11

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 28

Christmas

Wednesday, December 25

2019

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2020

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 20

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 17

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 26

St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday, March 17

Good Friday

Friday, April 10

Passover Begins

Wednesday, April 8

Easter

Sunday, April 12

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25

Flag Day

Sunday, June 14

Father's Day

Sunday, June 21

Independence Day

Saturday, July 4

Labor Day

Monday, September 4

Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 18

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 27

Columbus Day (observed)

Monday, October 12

2021

New Year's Day

Friday, January 1

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 18

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 15

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St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday, March 17

Passover Begins

Sunday, March 28

Good Friday

Friday, April 2

Easter

Sunday, April 4

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 9

Memorial Day

Monday, May 31

Flag Day

Monday, June 14

Father's Day

Sunday, June 20

Independence Day

Sunday, July 4

Labor Day

Monday, September 6

Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday, September 7

Wednesday, September 8

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 16

Columbus Day (observed)

Monday, October 11

Election Day

Tuesday, November 2

Veterans Day

Thursday, November 11

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 25

Christmas

Saturday, December 25

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2022

New Year's Day

Saturday, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 17

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 21

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 2

St. Patrick's Day

Thursday, March 17

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Father's Day

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Independence Day

Monday, July 4

Labor Day

Monday, September 5

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 26

Tuesday, September 27

Yom Kippur

Sunday, October 5

Columbus Day (observed)

Monday, October 10

Election Day

Tuesday, November 8

Veterans Day

Friday, November 11

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 24

Christmas

Sunday, December 25



2017-2018 Calendar of Religious Dates



There are certain dates and religious observances that must be adhered to by the individual. Arrangements must be made for participation in special services. The Islamic (Muslim) year begins with Muharram. All Islamic dates are subject to sighting of the moon; an event may be one day earlier or later than the date listed. According to the Eastern Orthodox Church calendar, the day begins after evening vespers at sunset and concludes with vespers on the following day. For this reason, the observance of all Eastern Orthodox

holy days begins at sunset on the evening before the holy day. Jewish holidays begin at sundown of the first date listed and end at nightfall of the last date listed. A religious institution has the option of celebrating Scout Sunday/Scout Sabbath at its discretion. For example, the United Methodist Church always celebrates Scout Sunday on the second Sunday in February.

Note: * Usually begins at sundown the day before this date.

** Local customs may vary this date.

2017

January

- 1 Mary, Mother of God, **Catholic Christian**
Feast of St. Basil, **Orthodox Christian**
Gantan-sai (New Year), **Shinto**
- 5 Twelfth Night, **Christian**
- 6 Epiphany, **Christian**
- 13 Maghi, **Sikh**
- 15 World Religion Day, **Baha'i**

February

- 5 Scout Sunday
Transfiguration Sunday, **Christian**
- 11 Tu B'shvat, **Jewish**
Scout Sabbath
- 15 Nirvana Day, **Buddhist, Jain**
- 26 Transfiguration Sunday, **Christian**

March

- 1 Ash Wednesday (Lent begins), **Christian**
- 12 Purim, **Jewish** (Precludes Scouting activities)
- 17 St. Patrick's Day, **Christian**
- 25 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Christian**
- 28 Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathushtra), **Zoroastrian**

April

- 2 Palm Sunday, **Christian**
- 11–18 Pesach (Passover), **Jewish**
- 14 Baisakhi New Year, **Sikh**
- 14 Good Friday, **Christian**
- 16 Easter, **Christian**

May

- 10 Visakha Puja—Buddha Day, **Buddhist**
- 14 Lag B'Omer, **Jewish**
- 25 Ascension of Christ, **Christian**
- 27 Ramadan begins, **Islam**
- 29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah, **Baha'i**
- 31–June 1 Shavuot, **Jewish** (Precludes Scouting activities)

June

- 4 Pentecost, **Christian**
- 11 Trinity Sunday, **Christian**
- 15 Corpus Christi, **Catholic Christian**
- 23 Sacred Heart of Jesus, **Catholic Christian**
- 26–28 Eid al Fitr, **Islam**

July

- 9 Martyrdom of the B'ab, **Baha'i**
- 24 Pioneer Day, **Mormon Christian**

August

- 1 Tish'a B'av, **Jewish**
- 15 Krishna Janmashtami, **Hindu**
- 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Catholic Christian**
Dormition of the Theotokos, **Orthodox Christian**

September

- 21–22 Rosh Hashanah, **Jewish**
(Precludes Scouting activities)
- 21–29 Navaratri, **Hindu**
- 27 Meskel, **Ethiopian Orthodox Christian**
- 29 Michael and All Angels, **Christian**
- 30 Yom Kippur, **Jewish**
(Precludes Scouting activities)

October

- 4 St. Francis Day, **Catholic Christian**
- 5–11 Sukkot, **Jewish** (No Scouting activities on first, second, eighth, or ninth days)
- 13 Simhat Torah, **Jewish**
(Precludes Scouting activities)
- 19 Diwali, **Hindu, Jain, Sikh**
- 20 Birth of the B'ab, **Baha'i**
- 29 Reformation Day, **Protestant Christian**
- 31 All Hallows' Eve, **Christian**

November

- 1 All Saint's Day, **Christian**
- 2 All Soul's Day, **Catholic Christian**
- 12 Birth of Baha'u'llah, **Baha'i**
- 23 Thanksgiving, **Interfaith**
- 26 Day of the Covenant, **Baha'i**

December

- 1 Mawlid an Nabi, **Islam**
- 3 Advent begins, **Christian**
- 8 Bodhi Day (Rohatsu), **Buddhist**
Immaculate Conception, **Catholic Christian**
- 12 Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, **Catholic Christian**
- 13–20 Hanukkah, **Jewish**
- 25 Christmas, **Christian**
- 26 Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra), **Zoroastrian**
- 26–Jan. 1 Kwanzaa, **Interfaith**

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January

- 1 Mary, Mother of God, **Catholic Christian**
Feast of St. Basil, **Orthodox Christian**
Gantan-sai (New Year), **Shinto**
- 5 Twelfth Night, **Christian**
- 6 Epiphany, **Christian**
- 13 Maghi, **Sikh**
- 21 World Religion Day, **Baha'i**
- 31 Tu B'shvat, **Jewish**

February

- 4 Scout Sunday
- 8 Nirvana Day, **Buddhist, Jain**
- 10 Scout Sabbath
- 11 Transfiguration Sunday, **Christian**
- 14 Ash Wednesday (Lent begins), **Christian**
- 28 Purim, **Jewish** (Precludes Scouting activities)

March

- 17 St. Patrick's Day, **Christian**
- 25 Palm Sunday and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Christian**
- 28 Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathushtra), **Zoroastrian**
- 30 Good Friday, **Christian**
- 31–April 7 Pesach (Passover), **Jewish**

April

- 1 Easter Sunday, **Christian**
- 14 Baisakhi New Year, **Sikh**
- 29 Visakha Puja—Buddha Day, **Buddhist**

May

- 3 Lag B'Omer, **Jewish**
- 16 Ramadan begins, **Islam**
- 17 Ascension of Christ, **Christian**
- 20 Pentecost, **Christian**
- 20–21 Shavuot, **Jewish** (Precludes Scouting activities)
- 27 Trinity Sunday, **Christian**
- 29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah, **Baha'i**
- 31 Corpus Christi, **Catholic Christian**

June

- 8 Sacred Heart of Jesus, **Catholic Christian**
- 15–17 Eid al Fitr, **Islam**

July

- 9 Martyrdom of the B'ab, **Baha'i**
- 22 Tish'a B'av, **Jewish**
- 24 Pioneer Day, **Mormon Christian**

August

- 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Catholic Christian**
Dormition of the Theotokos, **Orthodox Christian**

September

- 3 Krishna Janmashtami, **Hindu**
- 10–11 Rosh Hashanah, **Jewish**
(Precludes Scouting activities)
- 24–30 Sukkot, **Jewish** (No Scouting activities on first, second, eighth, or ninth days)
- 27 Meskel, **Ethiopian Orthodox Christian**
- 29 Michael and All Angels, **Christian**
- 30 Yom Kippur, **Jewish**
(Precludes Scouting activities)

October

- 2 Simchat Torah, **Jewish**
(Precludes Scouting activities)
- 4 St. Francis Day, **Catholic Christian**
- 9–16 Navaratri, **Hindu**
- 20 Birth of the B'ab, **Baha'i**
- 28 Reformation Day, **Protestant Christian**
- 31 All Hallows' Eve, **Christian**

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Steps in Building the Council Annual Plan

The Council Strategic Plan and JTE

Begin by reviewing the metrics defined in the council strategic plan and the Journey to Excellence (JTE) requirements for the unit, district, and council. This groundwork should influence and inspire the subsequent steps in making the council annual plan.

The process of building the annual plan should begin well in advance of the quarter in which the plan will take effect. Starting early allows the logical steps to be taken in order, makes it possible to involve many people in unhurried deliberation, and permits basing the annual budget on the resulting plan.

Steps in building an annual plan vary somewhat with different councils. Flexibility is fine as long as the basic principles are thoroughly respected:

1. The planning process is begun early.
2. All key leaders are involved.
3. The council makes one united plan—"all for one and one for all"—in which each district has its share.
4. The plan is complete in all its parts: objectives, program, calendar, work schedule.

In general, the steps in building an annual plan are as follows.

See scouting.org for unit annual program planning guides as a resource.

Staff Planning Conference

The professional staff develops a proposed plan. This is called a "pencil draft" to emphasize the fact that while the staff suggests, the volunteers make the final decision. This planning should be based on a thorough knowledge of unit needs, district needs, and the desires of volunteer groups. Having the pencil draft prepared in advance conserves the time of many volunteers and provides them with a good starting point.

District Officers' Conferences

A series of informal conferences follows the staff planning conference. The meeting of district officers, or the district executive committee, is to review the pencil draft and make any changes that seem desirable. The important thing is that this process gives each of these key leaders an opportunity to share in the thinking and to be prepared for the council planning conference that is to follow.

Council Planning Conference

This meeting, involving the key leaders of the council and its districts, is best held on an afternoon and an evening. The first part is devoted to group meetings that consider the plan for each operating committee. When this has been completed, the groups join to hear the presentation of each committee's plans. The plan refined in this meeting goes to the council executive board for its adoption.

The Districts Detail and Define Their Share

At the next regular meeting of the districts, the council's plan and the districts' shares in it are reviewed. Each committee details and defines its program and calendar.

The council program is broad and general, as it affects the program of the various functions. It may include a "camporee in every district," but it does not specify either the date or the place. The council has established new-unit objectives, but it does not specify where or when these are to be organized. Thus, there remains to each district and each committee a considerable task of putting in the specifics and details.

Unit Planning Conference

After the commissioner staff reviews the plan and its part in it, the council prepares an annual program planning kit for each unit. The kits are distributed as part of a councilwide program kickoff or at a unit planning conference in each district. Unit program planning kits may be printed or provided in electronic format, or both. The goal should be for every unit to have an annual program plan.

