



# The Trail to Adventure

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## **Where Will Cub Scout Packs and Families Camp in Your Council?**

Are you prepared to help Cub Scout Packs and their families have a great introduction to the outdoors? In addition to BSA properties, most communities have many other facilities that would be options for unit camping. The BSA has updated a simple appraisal form to help councils evaluate campgrounds. The site appraisals can be performed by volunteers, members of the camping, properties, health and safety committees or the Order of the Arrow.

Here is the section on Cub Scout overnight opportunities from the current [\*Guide to Safe Scouting\*](#):

### **Cub Scout Overnight Opportunities**

Cub Scouts may experience overnight activities in venues other than accredited resident camps. There are two categories of Cub Scout overnights.

#### ***Council-Organized Family Camp***

Council-organized family camps are overnight events involving more than one pack. The local council provides all of the elements of the outdoor experience, such as staffing, food service, housing, and program. These are often referred to as parent/pal or adventure week-ends. Council-organized family camps should be conducted by trained leaders at sites approved by the local council. Each youth member will be under the supervision of a parent or legal guardian.

In special circumstances, a Cub Scout whose parent or legal guardian is not able to attend an overnight camping trip may participate under the supervision of another registered adult member of the BSA who is a parent of a Cub Scout who is also attending. The unit leader and a parent or legal guardian must agree to the arrangement, and all Youth Protection policies apply. At no time may another adult accept responsibility for more than one additional "non-family member" youth.

Overnight activities involving more than one pack must be approved by the council. Council-organized family camps must be conducted in accordance with established standards.

#### ***Pack Overnights***

These are pack-organized overnight events involving more than one family from a single pack, focused on age-appropriate Cub Scout activities and conducted at council-approved locations (councils use **Pack Overnight Campout Site Appraisal Form, No. 430-902**). If nonmembers (siblings) participate, the event must be structured accordingly to accommodate them. BSA Health and Safety and Youth Protection policies apply. In most cases, each youth member will be under the supervision of a parent or guardian. In all cases, each youth participant is responsible to a specific adult.

At least one adult on a pack overnights must have completed Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (*BALOO*, No. 34162) to properly understand the importance of program intent, Youth Protection policies, health and safety, site selection, age-appropriate activities, and sufficient adult participation.

Download the updated form here: [Pack Overnighter Appraisal Form](#)

## National Leadership Notes



**Mark Rose,  
National Outdoor  
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Chairman**



**Frank Reigelman,  
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Outdoor Programs/  
Properties  
(On the trail at Family  
Adventure Camp)**

### **Exciting and Informative National Conferences Offered This Fall!**

**By Mark Rose**

Our talented Outdoor Programs and Properties subcommittees have a menu of great program specific conferences planned for this fall. These conferences are planned by the national volunteers that serve as subject matter experts (SME) for the BSA. They offer the opportunity to network with the subcommittee members, network with fellow Scouters who share your common interest and to obtain the very latest information about these important program topics. Visit one of these links below to register for an in-depth conference on these important subjects: shooting sports, aquatics, outdoor ethics or a general outdoor program conference. Be sure to see related articles in this newsletter for additional information.

[Shooting Sports Conference](#) (See page 9)

[Aquatics Workshop](#) (See page 17)

[Outdoor Ethics Conference](#) (See page 8)

[Northeast Region Outdoor Conference](#) (See page 15)

### **A New Tradition – Philmont Family Adventure, By Frank Reigelman**

When the Philmont Training Center was faced with an ever changing schedule this summer, the management team at the ranch crafted a new family program that coincided perfectly with the BSA's launch of Family Scouting.

**Philmont Family Adventure** camp was the ideal program for hundreds of Scouting families and came together in a few short, but busy months of planning.

Over 650 participants attended and for many (this writer included), this is sure to become a family and Scouting tradition. The program menu was beyond deep: day hikes, shooting sports, fishing, crafts, horse rides, pony rides, COPE and more. Participants could pass on formal activities and simply relax in the shade of cottonwood trees on the Greensward (although I saw little evidence of anyone opting out of the programs). The evenings were filled with games, programs and "Phil-music," complements of some of Philmont's most talented backcountry artists.

*Disclaimer: Attending with my grandson, I make zero apologies for any bias that might be apparent in this story. We had a great time! There were more activities (something for everyone and every age) than we could ever attempt, so guess what, this is likely to be a "family" tradition and we are already looking forward to next summer. It is often said that experiences (memories) are more valuable than "things", and I believe that 100%. The Philmont Family Adventure camp was an awesome experience!*

## Is Your Camp Ready for the Entire Family?

Here are a few things you may have overlooked as you prepare for the arrival of our newest group of customers – family campers and female members:



**Baby Changing Tables** – Wall mounted units are convenient and can be kept relatively clean if folded up after use. Don't forget the wipes! Although not absolutely necessary (the customer can always bring their own) this is nice customer service touch. Also, this is a dad's responsibility as well, so don't confine installation to the women's restroom.

**Feminine Hygiene Disposal Container and Waxed Bags.** - Stainless steel is durable and easily sanitized. Products should NEVER be flushed in the toilet. Used products should be wrapped up and placed in a designated container and never placed in trash containers. Hand washing soap and drying towels should be provided.

Can tampons be flushed down the toilet? Though toilets are a convenient and quick way to get rid of unwanted items, all feminine care products, which are made to absorb, should never be flushed into a public or septic sewer system. Though some tampon packages say "flushable," the reality is that they do not immediately disperse, disintegrate or decompose.

Tampons clog toilets and septic tanks and contribute to pipe blockages, which lead to unscheduled maintenance calls, time-consuming cleanup and expensive repairs.



**Instructional Signs** – Establishing behavioral norms, especially with youth, is part of instilling the traits of maturity that leads to character development. If you want to promote certain behavior (cleanliness and respect for others) providing well thought-out instructions and signage can play an important role.



These simple items, which are not expensive, can be ordered through any industrial supply company.

**The Number One Question Received by the Outdoor Programs & Properties Team? *How does my camp manage restrooms and showers as girls enter the program?***

**Answer:** Modern one-person stalls (toilet/shower/sink) are by far the most customer-friendly solution. This configuration addresses age and gender and provides the most privacy of any other design. See this [link](#) for an example. The configuration is very flexible. Call 972-580-2412 or 2411 for more information.

### **Camp Ranger Basic—Scouting University**

Following a successful launch of Scouting University's retooled Camp Ranger Basic earlier this year, the 2019 calendar has been confirmed. Four courses are scheduled in the next cycle, including one in November 2018 and three in early 2019.



- November 4-9, 2018 – Naish Scout Reservation, Bonner Springs, KS
- January 13-18, 2019 – Bert Adams Scout Camp, Covington, GA
- February 3-8, 2019 – Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, NM
- March 17-22, 2019 – Yawgoog Scout Reservation, Rockville, RI

New Rangers can click [here](#) to register for one of the above classes. **IMPORTANT** – Camp Ranger Basic training must be obtained within 12 months of the date of employment. This applies to any employee assigned to perform a ranger's responsibilities on a year-round basis, regardless of title, including assistant rangers.

### **NEW – Camp Ranger Continuing Education Hours**

Effective in 2020, Camp Rangers will be required to obtain 12 continuing education hours (CEH) of training annually to maintain valid credentials. The longstanding requirement to recertify at National Camping School every five years has been replaced by the new CEH format. To satisfy the 2020 NCAP standard, Rangers must complete and document 12 CEH's during calendar year 2019. Going forward, this same format will apply. For example, to satisfy 2021 NCAP standards, Rangers would complete 12 CEH's in calendar year 2020. Ditto for 2022.

This path to ongoing training is very flexible. Camp Rangers, working with their supervisor can customize a training plan that best suits both the individual and the camp. The training can be technical, administrative, or personal development.

### Camp Ranger *CEH* cont.

Below are some examples (but not intended to be all encompassing) of options to satisfy CEH requirements:

- Technical licensing to operate plant and equipment such as pools, water systems or waste treatment plants
- Community College courses of a technical, business or management nature, including project management
- Scouting University Courses that apply to District Executives
- Online courses of a technical, mathematics or business nature.
- BSA seminars that offer sessions on properties, BSA policy or council business such as the National Outdoor Conference, Regional outdoor conferences or other BSA workshops that offer knowledge and skills related to the position.
- Trade-based courses offered by BSA.
- BSA programmatic training, including shooting sports, aquatics, climbing, cope, etc.
- The Properties Course.
- Other courses that pertain to the specific requirements of the council as agreed upon by the Scout Executive/designee.

It is essential that a letter, certificate or other document be obtained that documents the CEH's earned. This should be memorialized in the council's NCAP records to support NCAP standard SQ-404. In addition to local or online CEH's, the BSA will offer technical courses in 2019. These sessions will satisfy the CEH requirement and will focus on hands-on training or, in the case of the National Outdoor Conference, administrative skills.

### **Hands-On Continuing Education Courses—Save the Date Notices**

Several "hands-on" training opportunities are scheduled or in the works for Camp Rangers. These will be held at the same locations as Camp Ranger Basic courses. Tentative schedule:







- [Northeast Region Outdoor Conference](#) – Ranger Track – October 12-15, 2018, Camp Alpine, NJ
- [Chainsaw Training](#): November 3-4, 2018; Naish Scout Reservation, Bonner Springs, KS
- [Timber Management and Forestry Best Practices](#): January 12-13, 2019 – Bert Adams Scout Camp, Covington, GA
- [Vehicle Maintenance, small engine repair and plumbing](#) – March 16-17, 2019 – Yawgoog Scout Reservation, Rockville, RI
- [Carpentry and Plumbing](#) – "Ranger Trade School" Philmont Training Center Fall Conference, September 15-21, 2019\*
- [General Administration/Management](#) – National Outdoor Conference, Philmont Scout Ranch, September 25-28, 2019\*

\*Registration available in 2019



## Resource Updates

Two helpful resources have been revised with the introduction of Family Scouting and Lions. The Camping Chart (below) provides a quick reference for approved camping programs according to program level. See the chart or click on this [link](#).

AGE-APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES FOR CAMPING	 LIONS (With Adult Partner)	 TIGERS (With Adult Partner)	 WOLF/BEAR SCOUTS	 WEBELOS SCOUTS	 SCOUTS	 OLDER SCOUTS, SEA SCOUTS, VENTURERS <small>("Older Scouts" are age 13 and have completed eighth grade or 14 years old and up.)</small>
National High Adventure						✓
Council High Adventure						✓
Wilderness and Backcountry						✓
Jamboree					12-year-olds	✓
Weekend Campouts					✓	✓
Camporees				Day Visit Only	✓	✓
Cold-Weather Camping	Council-Designated Locations Only (verify with local council)				✓	✓
Den Overnights				✓		
Council-Organized Family Camp	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Day Camp	Not Summer	✓	✓	✓		
Pack Overnights	Council-Designated Locations Only					
Family Camping	Council-Designated Locations Only (verify with local council)			✓	✓	✓
Resident Camp	Not Summer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lock-ins <small>(museums, sports facilities, etc.)</small>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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The Age-appropriate Guidelines have also been refreshed and are the “go to” for following the BSA guidelines for programming.

See this link: [Age-appropriate guidelines](#)

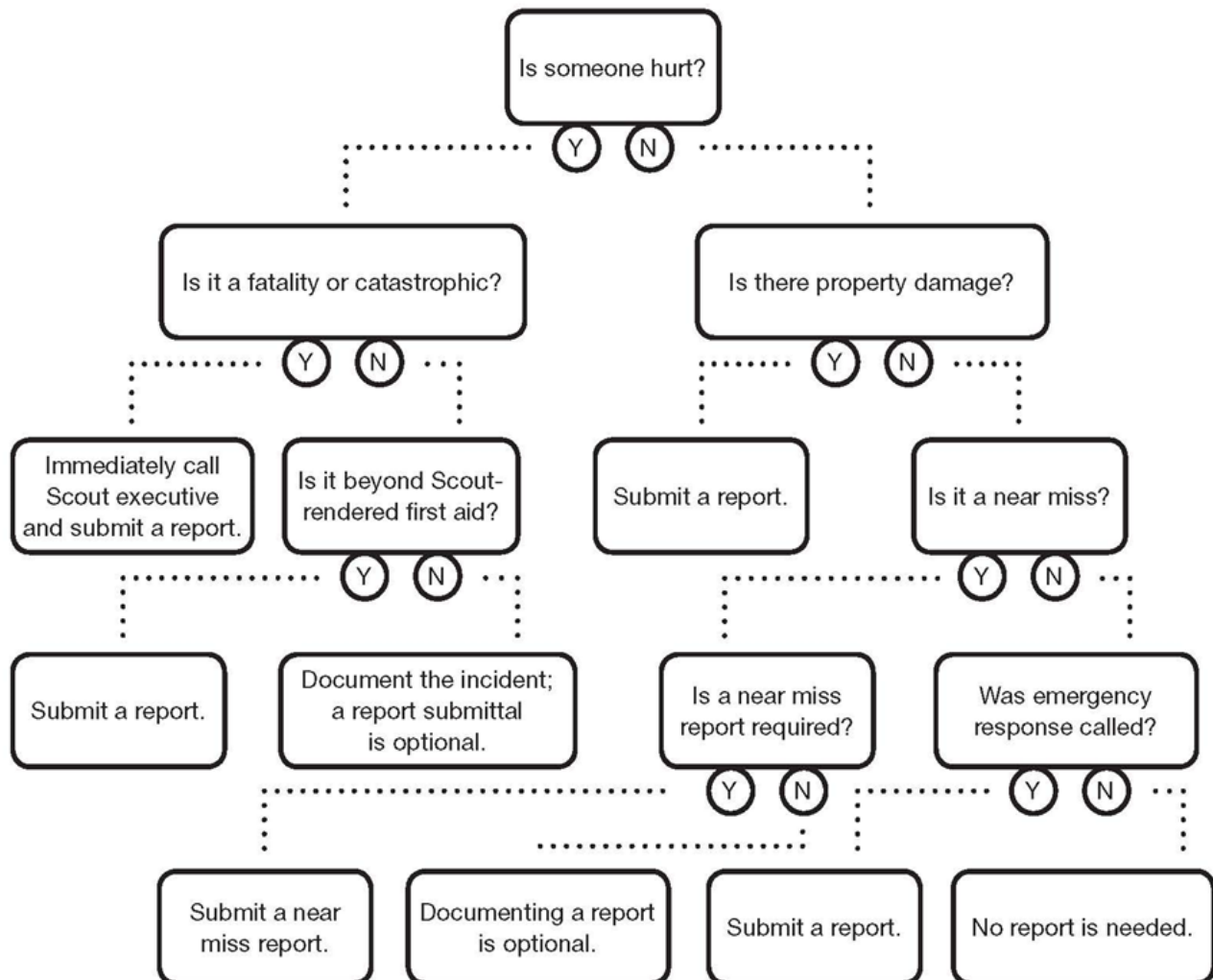
## **Incident Reporting Decision Tree**

In conjunction with and update of the Incident reporting folder, the Health and Safety Team has developed a decision tree to guide the incident reporting process. The infographic below will help you determine whether to submit a report, a near miss report or no report.

### **Incident/Near Miss Reporting**

#### ***Incident Reporting Tree***

(Follow this chart to determine what type of incident you are or are not reporting.)



Based upon your answers, choose which reporting tool is needed to document your incident. Then submit to your designated user or online.

## Outdoor Ethics Biennial Conference

By: Don Reinicker, Central Region, Area 7 Outdoor Ethics Advocate

This year, the fourth Outdoor Ethics Conference will be held in the Central Region from October 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at Naish Scout Reservation in Bonner Springs, KS just west of Kansas City, KS. The keynote address will be given by Al Lambert, Assistant Chief Scout Executive, National Director of Outdoor Programs, from the National Service Center. Other presenters include Ben Lawhon and Andrew Leary from the Leave No Trace Center, Danielle Fowles from Tread Lightly!, Dr. Jeff Marion from Virginia Tech and Dave O'Leary from the BSA Outdoor Ethics Subcommittee. There will also be pre-conference workshops on Hornaday Advisor, Master Tread Trainer and Council Outdoor Ethics Advocates available from October 16<sup>th</sup> through October 18<sup>th</sup>. The **New Information Flyer and Registration** flyer can be found on the Home page of the Outdoor Ethics website at: <http://outdoorethics-bsa.org>.

Attendees at the conference will include Leave No Trace Trainers and Master Educators, Outdoor Ethics Advocates (Council, Area and Region levels), National Outdoor Ethics Task Force Members, and scouters interested in Outdoor Ethics, Hornaday and Conservation subject matter. Please come and join us.

Outdoor Ethics continues to be a significant part of the Outdoor Program for the Boy Scouts of America. Segments of Outdoor Ethics are now part of the rank requirements in Cub Scouts. Chapter 7 in the current Boy Scout Handbook is devoted to Outdoor Ethics as are chapters 7 through 10 in the *Fieldbook*.

For all things Outdoor Ethics please check the Outdoor Ethics website provided by the BSA's Outdoor Ethics at <http://outdoorethics-bsa.org> for the latest information on the conference updates, resources, trainings, awards and council and national contacts.





Click the following links for more information about the inaugural BSA National Shooting Sports Conference at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, Glen Jean, West Virginia!

[Full Brochure](#)   [Registration](#)

### **August is National Shooting Sports Month**

It's not too late for BSA Councils to get involved with this national celebration of recreational shooting.

The month provides a great opportunity to hitch your fundraiser events or any other events open to the public (family/friends of current scout members) to the campaign, which is designed to highlight the benefits of target shooting and firearms ownership to everyone, particularly newcomers. To make this celebration month as successful as possible, however, we need you to help add to the drumbeat of activities in August.

The place to start is to have your council sign on today by adding your August fundraiser event to the events calendar located at [www.shootingsportsmoonh.org](http://www.shootingsportsmoonh.org). Click on List Your Events And Promotions in the upper right hand corner.

By listing events and promotions, your business will receive:

- 24 National Shooting Sports Month branded hats
- 25 National Shooting Sports Month branded shirts
- 1 National Shooting Sports Month banner to raise campaign awareness
- 4 National Shooting Sports Month Trigger Time Sweepstakes Tent Cards. Your participants can enter for a chance to win one of the \$25,000 in prize packages drawn weekly

Increased visibility of your events and promotions -- August events and promotions will be featured on events calendars at [www.shootingsportsmoonh.org](http://www.shootingsportsmoonh.org), [www.letsgoshoooting.org](http://www.letsgoshoooting.org) and your local [www.StepOutside.org](http://www.StepOutside.org) page.

NSSF's goal is to list 400 events, classes and promotions so that National Shooting Sports Month is highly visible in communities across the country. NSSF research shows that 24 million Americans are interested in trying the shooting sports. Your council can help make that introduction. As you know, we all benefit from increased participation in recreational shooting.

Additional ways councils, troop leaders and scouts can get involved and support/raise awareness around National Shooting Sports Month include:

Help spread the word about the event(s) you're planning by utilizing the resources within the [toolkit resources](#).

Display the National Shooting Sports Month logo on your website, in your promotions and on social media.

- Introduce a family member, friend or a group of friends to the shooting sports by taking them to a local range.
- Encourage the ranges & retailers near you to host an event or offer a promotion this August.
- Enter the Trigger Time Sweepstakes for a chance to win more than \$25,000 in sweepstakes packages

Promote National Shooting Sports Month on social media by sharing the shooting sports endeavors you take part in this August with #LetsGoShooting.

### **ATTENTION ALL COUNCILS**

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) has created a challenge grant program specifically for local Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Councils with shooting sports programs. They are now accepting applications for this grant.

Challenge grant funds should reflect planning to strengthen and increase BSA Council activities in firearms shooting sports and a commitment to the advancement of knowledge, understanding and firearms safety.

<https://www.nssf.org/shooting/bsa-grant/>

If you have any questions contact Ann Gamauf at [agamauf@nssf.org](mailto:agamauf@nssf.org).

### **Don't Miss the First Ever National Shooting Sports Conference at the Summit!**

Join us at the National Shooting Sports Conference to see and experience shooting sports programs first hand, plus learn how these programs can help you grow membership.

Shooting sports can attract and retain youth in our movement. Millions of young people participate in one or more of our shooting sports annually - archery, rifle shooting, shotgun activities, and more - guided by adults who have the skills and knowledge to provide quality programs in a safe and effective way. This conference will be an investment in your program now and in the years to come.

#### **WHO:**

Shooting Sports Chair & Committee, Directors of Support Services, Program Directors, Camping Directors and Professionals with Venturing Goals, Resident Camp Directors, and Program Directors.

#### **WHEN:**

September 28 – 30, 2018

#### **WHERE:**

Summit Bechtel Reserve, Glen Jean, WV

#### **WHY:**






1. Learn how to organize Venturing Crews in youth council to participate in shooting sports programs.
2. Learn about the new programs added to the Shooting Sports lineup.
3. Learn how to increase participation and quality of your programs at all levels. Get Answers to training and how it can help your programs.
4. Find new sources of revenue and learn how to ask for donations.

**Space is limited, so don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!**

## Rangers' Toolbox



Is your camp in compliance with Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations for operation of motor vehicles? This is an important area to understand and ultimately, to be in comply with when operating camp vehicles. BSA camps own and operate hundreds of vehicles and some could be subject to DOT regulations. Here is a quick reference guide of vehicles to help you determine if DOT regulations apply in your council. For more information, contact your insurance broker or visit <https://www.transportation.gov/regulations>

Vehicle Type	DOT Compliance	DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing	License Required	Additional Information
Pick-up truck less than 10,001 lb GVWR 	None	No	Regular operator's license or specific state license if applicable (example: MO class E if hauling property for pay.)	Applies to most 1/2 ton and 3/4 ton pick-ups and vans. Verify the GVWR on the inside of the driver's door prior to operation.
Pick-up truck over 10,001 lb or more GVWR 	Yes	No	Regular operator's license or specific state license if applicable (example: MO class E if hauling property for pay.)	Applies to pick-ups and larger vehicles with a GVWR of 10,001 to 26,000 lb.
Pick-up truck and trailer 10,001 lb or more GCWR 	Yes	Yes if <u>CDL</u> is required (see right)	If the trailer has a GVWR of 10,000 lb. or less, same as above. If the trailer has a GVWR of 10,001 lb or more and the GCWR is in excess of 26,000 lb, a class A CDL is required.	If the power unit is not in excess of 26,001 lb, the trailer must have a GVWR of 10,001 lb or more and the GCWR must exceed 26,001 lb for the CDL provision to apply.
Large truck 26,001 lb or more GVWR 	Yes	Yes	Class B CDL is required if towing a trailer.	CDL drivers must submit medical certification to the DMV.
Tractor trailer 26,001 lb or more GVWR 	Yes	Yes	Class A CDL is required.	CDL drivers must submit medical certification to the DMV.
<b>References:</b>  <b>GVWR—</b> Gross vehicle weight rating  <b>GCWR—</b> Gross combination weight rating	<b>DOT Compliance—</b> A driver qualification file is required prior to the operation of the vehicle. The hours-of-service regulations and vehicle maintenance standards apply to the vehicle and the driver.  <b>DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing—</b> A CDL required vehicle driver must have a DOT pre-employment drug test and be enrolled in DOT random testing program; is subject to reasonable suspicion, and DOT post accident testing.			



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### **Group Purchasing Program**

#### **PurchasingPoint®: Your One-Stop-Shop for All of Your Council's Needs**

Boy Scouts of America has partnered with the National Human Services Assembly to provide our councils and troops access to the PurchasingPoint® program. PurchasingPoint® is an exclusive discount program for nonprofits to help Boy Scout Councils find ways to reduce expenses, thereby allowing those savings to be redirected toward mission-related programs. In fact, BSA has collectively saved an estimated \$9.4 million since it started using the program in 2011. That's \$9.4 million that has gone back into programming for youth in our communities.

The program is designed to reduce overhead costs by providing access to discounts on a vast range of products and services including, but not limited to: office supplies, shipping, copiers, postage equipment, furniture, cleaning supplies, promotional merchandise, car rental, and more. Discounts in the program are pre-negotiated with vendors so that you don't have to spend your valuable time to ensure you get the best price. Top vendors with existing BSA agreements are FedEx, National and Enterprise car rental, and CDW. Some other top-line vendors in the program include Staples, Cintas, Iron Mountain, Grainger, Insight Direct, Sherwin Williams, Konica Minolta, and Xerox.

#### **Key Benefits of PurchasingPoint® include:**

**50%+ savings** with select vendors

Estimated **savings of \$20 million** annually among program participants

Estimated average **savings of 33%** annually across all vendors

**Employee discounts** with select vendors

Over **200 unique vendors**

**FREE benefit** for being a part of the Boy Scouts of America

Remember, it's easier to save money than it is to raise it! PurchasingPoint® provides just that opportunity.

To learn more and browse over 200 vendors, click [here](#) or contact Don Day at [don.day@scouting.org](mailto:don.day@scouting.org).

## **1000 Certified Angler Instructors Serving the BSA!**



The Certified Angling Instructor (CAI) program continues to gain momentum and last month we trained our **1,000<sup>th</sup> Certified Angling Instructor!** There are 23 more courses scheduled for 2018 and we are hoping to hold a Course Directors course in all four Regions. We appreciate Recreation Boating and Fishing Foundation, RBFF, for awarding a \$25,000 grant to help us add 750 additional CAIs by 2021. This is in partnership with RBFF's mission to grow the national fishing population under their "Take Me Fishing" program. We are striving to increase council sponsored courses especial-

ly in those councils void of CAIs. Councils need to recognize the benefits of improved fishing programs which a CAI can provide.

BSA Fishing is gaining a greater and higher profile at all levels of the BSA. Assistant Chief Scout Executive—Outdoor Programs, Al Lambert has challenged all of the Outdoor Program committees to come up with some "game changers" in the world of outdoor programs. Rob Kolb, the Fishing subcommittee advisor has identified fishing programs and the benefits of having camps place more emphasis on fishing. He pointed out that fishing offers a low cost, and popular option to deliver unrealized potential. The CAI program's challenge is to make fishing a "game changer" in delivering programs for Scouting's youth. The May-June 2018 issue of *Scouting Magazine* includes Michael Surbaugh, *Chief Scout Executive's* full-page message featuring the benefits of fishing for Scouts. And be sure to check out the June issue of *Boys' Life*, where fishing is featured prominently.

Ben Jelsema and Chris Yates at the BSA Fishing booth at the iCast convention in Orlando, Florida. Keeping the BSA connected to the fishing industry and promoting the BSA as the premier organization introducing youth to fishing.



### **Fisheries Management (or how to love your camp pond)**

By Rick Kagawa

The last few months have been a journey that started at my first meeting of the BSA National Fishing subcommittee in February. Meeting like-minded people is always a delight, especially when we could discuss fishing, family and Scouting in the same sentence. And the great thing was no one thought it was strange combining all those subjects in one sentence.



Rick on a recent fishing expedition

While I was at this meeting, I was told my new job was going to be fisheries management. It was described to me as a position to promote fishing places inside and outside Boy Scout camps and to work with state fisheries agencies to develop an assessment and plan to improve fishing at camp ponds and lakes. Our goal is to have a youth catch a fish in the first 20 minutes of fishing, and that takes healthy fisheries.

Sitting at the table that first day, I typed out a message to the head biologist in my home state of California. I figured I might as well start at home. I asked if he could help us with this type of assessment. The next morning, I got a response from him. He was excited about the project and he had an Eagle Scout on his staff who would love to spearhead the project. This was getting exciting! The next step was to talk to the Eagle Scout and find camps in California where we could start our project.

In the meantime, I sent a questionnaire to our growing cadre of BSA Certified Angler Instructors (CAIs) about the project and where they fish. One quickly answered back and I discovered she was the Aquatics Education Coordinator for the State of Texas. I contacted her and she told me that Texas did not support private lakes and ponds but they had someone who may be willing to help. He has been great! We have four ponds to survey as I am writing this article. My goal is to have a contact in every state for BSA councils to contact when they have a question about pond or lake management.

Our challenge is many councils either fail to think about their pond or lake as a fishery, or make assumptions about how to manage it without the benefit of available expert advice.

The Fishing subcommittee and I are willing to help, and if you have a contact that can help us address fishery management in your state please let us know. I can be reached at [rkagawa@thekhome.com](mailto:rkagawa@thekhome.com)

We want to get Scouts out fishing and having fun, but remember, fishing without fish is no fun!



## Food and Nutrition Update

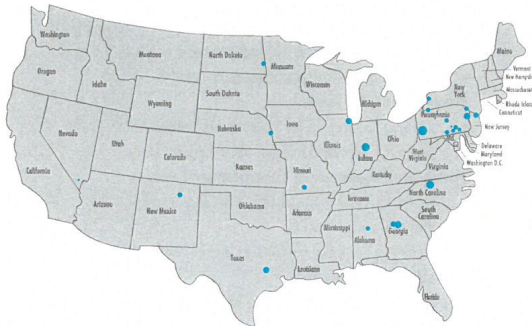
The “Revamp Camp” program continues to reach more camps with expert support for camp nutrition and food service programs. If you are interested in participating in 2019, send an email to: [COMPASS@pennstatehealth.psu.edu](mailto:COMPASS@pennstatehealth.psu.edu)

### BSA UPDATES



#### GEARING UP FOR CAMP

Over the past three years, camps have been committing to a culture of health. Each year, Penn State PRO Wellness has been privileged to work with three times the number of camps as the previous year. In fact, we have accepted applications from 26 camps across 14 states to participate in Revamp Camp 2018. The estimated impact of all 26 camps is 68,791 scouts!



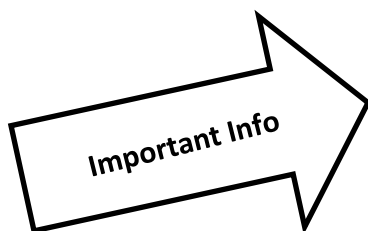
The larger the dot, the more scouts impacted by Summer Camp Revamp 2018.

- 20 camps have been actively engaged in emails and phone calls collaborating with PRO Wellness to plan for this Summer.
- Camps are planning new Trading Post inventory options, improved menus signed by our in-house registered dietitian, and participation in the Step-Up Challenge!
- PRO Wellness has created an online toolkit for participating camps to transition to a culture of health. The toolkit features many resources, including:
  - printable posters;
  - allergen-free menus;
  - vegan menus;
  - a playlist of music for dining hall; and
  - healthier Trading Post options.
- PRO Wellness will be conducting on-site visits to 12-15 camps nationwide this summer.



### MAKE NOTE OF THIS IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE

The **Healthy, Affordable & Delicious Camp Food** conference has moved to October 28-November 2, 2018.



The Outdoor Programs and Properties Team presents:  
**Healthy, Affordable & Delicious Camp Food!**  
 Philmont Training Center  
 \* NEW DATES: October 28 - November 2, 2018 \*

**Join us in Philmont on October 28 - November 2 as we explore the world of camp cooking.**

Studies show that millennial parents want transparency about ingredients and sources. Key words like FRESH, ORGANIC, LOCAL and SUSTAINABLE resonate. Let us show you that good food doesn't have to be expensive.

The course is designed for Camp Directors, Food Service Directors, or anyone interested in food that wants to get ahead of the curve and become a leader in this area.

This course can positively impact your camping bottom line.

Contact: Grant Reigelman (505) 376-2281 at PTC to register.  
 Information on registration link is under construction.

\* Please note the dates were originally September 16 - 22, 2018. \*





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Come Join Us At The  
**NORTHEAST REGION, BSA**  
**OUTDOOR PROGRAM SEMINAR**  
Oct 12-14, 2018, Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine NJ

This NER gathering allows District, Council, Area, and Regional volunteers and professionals with responsibility for their Outdoor Programs to explore new program initiatives, learn from each other's best practices, develop a network of mutual support, and to enjoy the fellowship of Scouting's outdoor leadership.

*NEROPS 2018* will offer **nine outdoor specialty core areas** including: Aquatics; Camping – Year-Round Opportunities; COPE/Climbing; Outdoor Ethics; Properties & Rangers; Shooting Sports; Cub Scout Family Outdoor Program; Conservation, including a special Hornaday Advisor Course (limited capacity); and Reeves Conversations (seminar style conversations to engage you in various key topics).

Keynote presentations by BSA National Leadership including: Gary Schroeder national committee member, Al Lambert Assistant Chief Scout Executive, and John Mosby Northeast Region Director will highlight major elements of the Scouting program.

A **Vendor Fair** with active program displays will enrich your weekend opportunity. Please encourage key program volunteers and Scout professionals to mark their calendar, and join us at NER-OPS 2018, at Camp Alpine.

**For further details go to our Facebook page:**

**[Northeast Region Outdoor Program Seminar](#)**

To register, click [here](#)

## On the Horizon.....

*This section highlights projects currently underway or planned by Outdoor Programs and Properties. Watch for updates in future editions of Trail to Adventure.*

- Day Camp National Camping School Update—A task force is combining through the current syllabus to refine and restructure this important training.
- The American Camp Association annual conference is scheduled for Nashville, February 19-22, 2019.
- Save the date—the next BSA **National Outdoor Conference** will be held at Philmont Scout Ranch, September 25-29, 2019.
- The 2017-2018 BSA Camping Report is due **September 30, 2018.**
- *Bigfoot's Playbook*, a new program from the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, has been piloted in several dozen camps this summer. Watch for a wider rollout of this helpful resource in 2019.
- NCAP Deadline—Intent to Operate—**November 1, 2018**



## 2018 National Aquatics Workshop



September 26 – 30, 2018  
**FLORIDA SEA BASE**  
 ISLAMORADA, FLORIDA



### “!!! THE FUTURE OF BSA AQUATICS !!!”

NEW PROGRAMS

FAMILY SCOUTING  
 FOR AQUATICS

COMPUTER AND  
 PHONE APPS

BOATING  
 SIMULATORS?

Come to share ideas, best practices  
 and fellowship. See the newest  
 ideas in program and equipment.  
 Lots of fun in the Florida Keys!!

SPEAKERS AND  
 SPECIAL  
 PRESENTATIONS!!

BEST PRACTICES  
 FROM AROUND THE  
 COUNTRY !

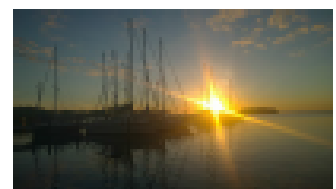
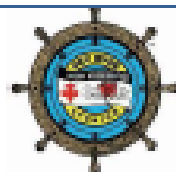
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 SPACE WILL BE LIMITED  
 HOLD THE DATE AND WATCH  
 FOR REGISTRATION INFO IN  
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NEW EQUIPMENT

NEW AND EXCITING  
 LOCAL PROGRAMS

WHERE DOES SOCIAL  
 MEDIA FIT IN?

VENDOR FAIR



Click on the Mile Swim badge to register for the BSA Aquatics Workshop



(Right) Rob Kolb presents outgoing COPE/Climbing Chairman, John Winter with a Resolution for his 10 years of service.



*Thanks John for your service to Scouting! Belay on!*



(Left) Rob Kolb, staff advisor, presents a parting gift of a “box of Crocs” to outgoing COPE/Climbing chairman John Winter at the May 2018 Outdoor Program Support Committee meeting in Dallas.

Right:

Steve Yackel, Scouting U Team Leader, presents a session on Leadership at the Camp Ranger Basic Course at Camp Naish in April.



(Left) James Raubenheimer, Eagle Scout from West Chester PA, 2018 recipient of Camp Fire Club's Hornaday Scholarship Award of \$10,000

"My parents putting me into Cub Scouts at a young age was the one of the best decisions I think that they that they ever made for my own development as a leader, and as a person. I strongly remember building my sense of independence when one day I was sitting and decided to build my own campfire, and I had no one yelling at me that you can't do this – this is not a classroom – the outdoors is where the true learning takes place, where you build your independence and your leadership skills" *James Raubenheimer*



*A closing thought about Philmont Scout Ranch and the resiliency of the BSA by Frank Reigelman*

As the BSA family is aware, Philmont Scout Ranch was impacted on May 31 when the Ute Park wildfire ignited and spread at a rapid pace. In many respects, it was the perfect storm—extreme drought, high winds, lack of humidity. The fire grew quickly and thankfully, no staff or participants were present in the backcountry. The fire grew to over 36,000 acres on the ranch and surrounding state and private land.

In the midst of this, the Philmont team made countless adjustments for the safety of staff and contingencies for program, always keeping an eye on serving participants. At one point, the entire seasonal staff of 1,100 evacuated in a mere 90 minutes to the Colfax County Fair Grounds for several days due to air quality conditions. Hundreds of Hot Shots were deployed, air support was constant, and the fire was stopped at a critical boundary that prevented further destruction. With approximately half of the treks and two weeks of the Philmont Training Center cancelled, the hope was to open in mid-July.

In late June, a new wildfire would approach Philmont from the south. The Morris Creek Fire started on neighboring property and made a steady march northward toward the Rayado River canyon. This was an entirely different fire behavior than the Ute Park Fire and was difficult to defend due to the extremely rugged terrain. As the planned reopening date of July 14 approached, this active fire could not be contained, therefore the BSA made the decision to close for treks for the remainder of the 2018 season.

Enter the newly aligned high adventure team! Call it “enterprise program management”. Northern Tier, the Summit and Florida Sea Base staff went to great lengths to accommodate as many displaced crews as possible. Additionally, many local council high adventure programs were offered as options.

We owe a special Scout salute to the Philmont team that dealt directly with the 2018 crews and fielded hundreds, if not thousands of calls. Also, the many Philmont seasonal staff who originally signed up to hike, sing, climb or any of a hundred other jobs, and then chose to stay on and do the hard work of timber stand improvement—thank you! Creating defensible spaces throughout the backcountry will be their legacy to Philmont’s future hikers.

For those who have hiked the trails, we all share a common sense of loss. For those future hikers, we share hope and wonderment for what the future holds for the restoration of the land and programs. We know the one piece of Philmont magic—the Philstaff, are safe and every bit as resilient as the earth. We can all look forward to the future and hitting the trail once again.





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