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A newsletter for families and leaders of Samoset Council

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ADVENTURE ON

Nothing highlights the fun and excitement of Scouting like being in the outdoors. Whether it's daycamp, summer camp, or a fall camporee, getting outside is what kids want to do!

And no one does "the outdoors" better than the BSA. This spring, let's invite more families to join us in the outdoors as we #AdventureOn!



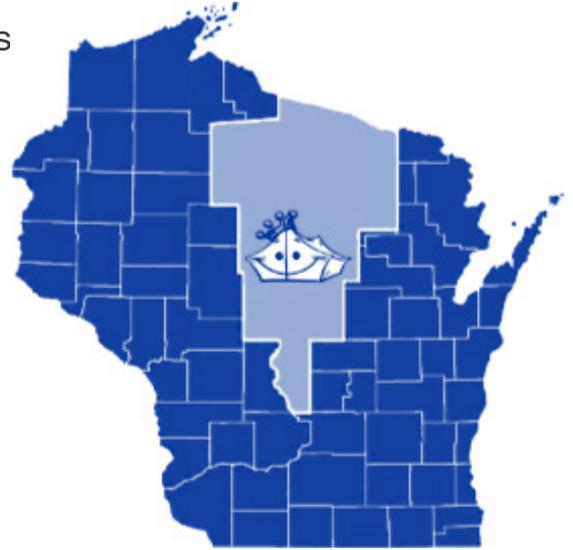
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Dear Scouting Friends,

In 2021, the Samoset Council exemplified true resilience as we continued to face the unprecedented national crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic. We remained as agile as possible to adjust to safety changes and budget pressures. Our camping programs remained strong, as did our financial stability.

Council operations revolve around four key functions: Scout Unit Service, Program, Finance, and Membership.

Scout Unit Service – We are working on a plan to increase the number of volunteers that focus on unit service. Unit Ambassadors serve as a friend to the Scout unit, advising and coaching the unit leaders as needed throughout the year. Consistent and high-quality unit service by volunteers and staff helps maintain communication to keep unit leaders and parents in tune with Samoset Scouting activities, events, and programs. Strong Scout units that attract and retain youth and their families is our goal.

Program - Samoset continues to lead the way providing camping and outdoor programs that are exciting for our youth and we do so with safety being a top priority. Expanded programs and our strong reputation helped us grow participation to over 4,200 youth at our properties & programs last year! We plan to expand our Mad Science and Teen Trek summer camp programs which allow community youth-at-large to experience Scouting, and invest in other guest activities and experiences. We anticipate a continued trend of exciting programs and increased participants at our camp properties in 2022.

Finance – Financial sustainability has been a strength of Samoset for many years and several initiatives in the last year helped us maintain a strong financial position. Increased funding with Friends of Scouting, grants, foundations, fall product sale, camping & activities, and stability with area United Ways ensure we can fund the program for our Scouts. We are offering a spring product sale (delicious nuts from Virginia Diner) for those units that might need a fundraising opportunity to help Scouts earn their way to camp. See the article on page 7 of this issue of the Samoset Voice. Samoset had a budget surplus in 2021 that allowed us to reinvest the funds back into camp and other projects that will help Scout units be successful.

Membership – This includes youth members AND volunteers. We almost doubled our new youth during this past fall recruiting season thanks to volunteers with our Scout units and Council Membership Committee. As a membership-based organization, it's important for us to continue our growth pattern by attracting youth and families and retaining them with high quality and exciting programs. A spring recruitment campaign is being finalized and we hope all units will take the opportunity to invite new youth to join this spring. See page 10 of this newsletter for more information. Engaging parents as helpers or registered volunteers in your unit will help retain the youth we recruit.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, our volunteers, and the youth members we serve, we **THANK YOU** for your investment of time, talent, and treasure in our Scouting programs. **YOUR** involvement provides our local community with future leaders and informed citizens, and provides young people with the tools they need to overcome life's challenges.

Yours in Scouting,

Thad Brockman
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A MOST IMPRESSIVE FEAT

SAMOSSET SCOUT EARNS ALL MERIT BADGES!

Congratulations to Mike Brierton of Troop 435 in Weston on his incredible accomplishment—Mike has earned all 137 merit badges currently offered by the Boy Scouts of America! A feat only 450 individuals in the history of Boys Scouts of America have been able to accomplish.

No stranger to hard work and dedication, Mike is also an Eagle Scout, a regional leader of the Order of the Arrow (Scout Honor Society), and a recipient of the National Medal of Outdoor Achievement.

The first merit badge that Mike ever earned was dentistry. The last was golf, requiring him to play the final three holes in the pouring rain, but alas he persevered. His favorites were sailing, trap shooting, welding, and law. These all sparked an interest and became hobbies.



Mike said the most difficult badge to earn was SCUBA, because it was physically challenging and took a lot of skill. Bugling was also a challenge—it took Mike a year and private lessons to finally earn the merit badge.

After earning around 120 badges, he almost gave up. But he refused to let COVID-19 defeat his dream.

It became a family affair with the Briertons traveling across the state to take Mike to merit badge clinics and other locations to complete requirements. “It was cool to watch him do it,” his sister said. “It was a group effort.”

Congratulations Mike (and family!) for accomplishing this rare and very admirable achievement!

EAGLE PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

SAMOSSET SCOUT LIVES UP TO HIS NAME

Luke Carpenter took on a monumental Eagle project to benefit his church, Holy Spirit Parish in Stevens Point. Luke led fellow Scouts and volunteers in over 146 hours of community service to refurbish over 80 chairs for the church. The church itself was in the midst of a renovation so helping with reupholstering the existing chairs was a perfect fit for both Luke and the church.

Luke led the project of reupholstering 72 chairs which resided inside the church itself where Sunday mass is held. The chairs had been neglected and desperately needed to be refurbished.

The other remaining 39 chairs had been in storage but were quickly added into the project so they too could be used.



Luke worked with Les' Upholstery to accomplish the project. The Scouts and volunteers disassembled, reupholstered, and then reassembled all the chairs. Quite a task to undertake!

“This project is something very personal to me,” Luke said. “God is a huge part of my life and I have attended Holy Spirit Parish since I was born.”

“I love being involved with my church in any way I can,” he further stated. “When I found out they were undergoing a renovation I knew I just had to

get involved. I found this Eagle project to be the best way possible.”

2021 EAGLE SCOUT CLASS

Being an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting but also as the Scout enters higher education, business or industry, and community service. Not every Scout who joins earns the Eagle Scout rank—only about six percent of all Scouts BSA members do so. This represents more than two million Scouts who have earned the rank since 1912. Nevertheless, the goals of Scouting—citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness—remain important for all Scouts, whether or not they attain the Eagle Scout rank.

In 2021, 64 Samoset Council Scouts earned the Eagle rank, and these individuals completed an impressive 7,577 hours of community service!

Samoset Council would like to congratulate our 2021 Eagle Scout class:

- Donae Fike - Lone
- Riley Degner - Lone
- Brayden Quick - Troop 118
- Colin Cronin - Troop 118
- Collin Kozlowski - Troop 118
- Jackson Meyer - Troop 118
- Aaron Krueger - Troop 187
- Henry Niedbalski - Troop 187
- Samuel Kawleski - Troop 187
- Wyatt Erdmann - Troop 187
- Samuel Gargulak - Troop 205
- Dominic Vanier - Troop 222
- Joshua Lindner - Troop 222
- Nate Smith - Troop 222
- River Siegel - Troop 222
- Clayton Kubisiak - Troop 290
- Jordan Helmrick - Troop 293
- Elton Williams - Troop 296
- Nicholas Proctor - Troop 297
- Benjamin Westrick - Troop 298
- Brandon Bella - Troop 298
- Luke Carpenter - Troop 298
- Theo Westrick - Troop 298
- Timothy Sackman - Troop 298
- Zachary Kolodziej - Troop 298
- Preston Schleih - Troop 299
- Kaleb Lynn - Troop 383
- Connor Clark - Troop 385
- Daniel Gauerke - Troop 392
- Ira Mitroshin - Troop 392
- Matthew Donovan - Troop 392
- Austin Fass - Troop 400
- Zachary Rogers - Troop 400
- Evan Pupp - Troop 409
- Joseph Jaroski - Troop 409
- Justin Bahlow - Troop 409
- Matthew Monnot - Troop 409
- Simon Bocoun - Troop 409
- Kyle Dolezal - Troop 419
- Gabriel Izatt - Troop 427
- Nathaniel Pease - Troop 427
- Carson Koch - Troop 435
- Cole Morehouse - Troop 435
- Nolan Bouffleur - Troop 435
- Thane Nyseth - Troop 435
- Nicholas Sloan - Troop 438
- Samuel Beck - Troop 438
- Andrew Zielsdorf - Troop 439
- Connor Young - Troop 451
- Nathan Brzoznowski - Troop 513
- Nicholas Tanck - Troop 513
- John Felch - Troop 540
- Logan Bjork - Troop 540
- Jacob Lueck - Troop 599
- Joshua Gustafson - Troop 599
- Nicholas Kriegel - Troop 599
- Samuel Johns - Troop 599
- Sawyer Peterson - Troop 599
- Bryan Stoxen - Troop 660
- David Fielhauer - Troop 660
- Gavin Hackbarth - Troop 660
- Gabryella Lo - Troop 6427
- Katherine Martell - Troop 9427
- Zoey Dreikosen - Troop 9513

POPCORN SALE TOP SELLERS

HERE'S WHAT'S POPPIN'!

It was a great year for popcorn sales in Samoset Council, especially for Troop 601 of Eagle River, Wisconsin! These entrepreneurial Scouts → sold a combined total of \$32,360 in popcorn during the 2021 annual Pecatonica Popcorn fundraiser.



Troop 601 of Eagle River, WI, was the top-selling unit for the 2021 popcorn sale.



R.J. Behrens of Troop 601 was the top-selling Scout for the 2021 popcorn sale.

← Even more impressive, Troop 601 Scout R.J. Behrens sold \$10,095 of that total! R.J. is no stranger to popcorn selling success—this is his fifth year in a row as the top-selling Samoset Council Scout.

Congratulations on your impressive salesmanship, R.J. and Troop 601. And a big Scout shout out to **all** Samoset Council Scouts on a super successful 2021 popcorn sale!



SCOUTING FOR FOOD

There are many families throughout our council area that are struggling to put food on the table. As Scouts it is our duty to help others in need. That's the reason Samoset Council participates in the Scouting for Food Drive every year.



Scouting for Food takes place on two consecutive weekends. On the first weekend, Scouts distribute bags to let their neighbors know about the drive. On the second weekend, Scouts revisit those houses to pick up bags full of canned food, cereal, pasta, peanut butter, juice, and other nonperishable items.

This year bag distribution will take place April 2, 2022, with pickup scheduled for April 9, 2022.

For safety guidelines and more information about the event please visit Samoset.org and click on the Scouting for Food tab.

NEW FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

OH NUTS!

New this year: **Spring Nut Sale!**

Samoset Council is partnering with the famous Virginia Diner to bring you another opportunity to earn extra money for summer activities.

Plus, participating units will receive **30% commission!** Additionally, there will be prizes for the top seller and top unit!

The sale will run from March 28-April 24th. Completed order sheets should be submitted to

Amanda Flannery by April 25.

Product will be distributed to units on or around May 19 at the Scout Office in Weston.

There is no online sales option, only paper sales brochures. Training and brochures will be available at the March Roundtable.

You can also find resources on our website at: <http://www.samoset.org/support-us/spring-product-sale/75000>



Where Camping Is King

BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY CENTER CAPITAL PROJECT PROGRESS



The new Business and Technology Center will serve multiple purposes at Camp Tesomas: Not only will it serve as the hub for STEM-based Scout programs including computers, robotics, engineering, and much more, it will allow expansion of our camp store and create indoor multipurpose space



for year-round programs, summer camp merit badge instruction, and shelter from inclement weather.



Additionally, the new building will allow us to increase efficiency by consolidating operations from multiple older structures into one location.

Architectural plans are being finalized and we plan to go out to bid for a general contractor in the next 30 to 60 days.

The project was originally planned to begin August 2020, but due to pandemic challenges, our timeline had to be adjusted. The target is now fall 2023 to start construction, but this is heavily dependent on fundraising progress.

There are several levels of donor recognition, including a Samoset pocket knife, a hand crafted miniature buck skin, even having the donor's name featured in a permanent donor recognition area in the new building.

Along with Scout and leadership training activities, our new B&T center will be useful for earning the following merit badges:

- **Business Merit Badges:** American Business, Communication, Entrepreneurship, Journalism, Public Speaking, Salesmanship
- **Visual Arts Merit Badges:** Cinematography, Photography
- **Technology Merit Badges:** Computers, Electronics, Robotics
- **Science Merit Badges:** Chemistry, Environmental Science

If you are interested in making a donation to this project (or have a connection to a potential donor) please call John Overland at 715-490-2734 for details and to schedule an appointment with John and volunteer capital campaign chair Tom Heinrichs.





WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

The 2022 Friend of Scouting campaign has officially begun! Friends of Scouting (FOS) is the Samoset Council annual giving campaign. Without this source of income, we would not be able to provide exceptional youth programs for families across 13 counties in north central Wisconsin. All donations to the FOS campaign **stay 100% local** and are tax deductible.



Your generous Friends of Scouting donation helps us finance:

- Volunteer and staff training
- Insurance coverage
- Repairs and improvements at our camps
- Scholarships & other financial aid
- Special events and recognition
- Administrative needs
- Samoset Council website
- Our service center and Scout Shop
- Program planning resources
- Promotions and recruitment efforts

There's more happening at your council than the average volunteer sees. And it can't happen without the support of volunteers like you. Please consider becoming a supportive Friend of Scouting. For more information, visit us at:

<https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/SMILEY>

or text SMILEY to 71777.

You can also contact the Samoset Council at 715-355-1450 to request a pledge card.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING SPONSORS

A big Scout Shout Out to our generous local sponsors:



SPRING RECRUITING GROW YOUR YOUTH MEMBERSHIP!



The Council Membership Committee is excited to support Scouting units in growing their youth members and in turn increase the opportunity for parents to get engaged in unit volunteerism. The complete plan will be rolled out at our Spring Recruitment Training sessions for Scout unit leaders in March (dates to be announced). Support materials such as fliers personalized for your unit, yard signs, posters, wristbands, parent welcome booklets, member applications, social media posting/ads and much more will be available for your recruiting event.



All Scout units are encouraged to hold a spring joining event that works best for their unit. We are encouraging Scouts BSA Troops, Venture Crews & Sea Scout Ships to conduct their recruitment in April – this will allow time to prepare youth for summer camp and other big summer events that your Scout unit is planning.

Packs should focus on a date in May – this is perfect timing since when Cubs go to camp in June they are working on advancement and activities that focus on their rank for the next year. Example... first graders recruiting in May will of course work on Bobcat, then their Wolf rank requirements this summer.

There are a few summer council events beyond Summer Camp that are being developed to support new Cub Scouts. It is important to have a solid summer program for youth that join in the spring so there will be a few summer events specifically for new Cub Scout youth.

We will announce specifics when unit leader recruiting training sessions occur in March. Stay tuned for more information on spring youth recruiting!

The staff advisor to the Council Membership Committee is Jeff Ogurek. Jeff can be reached at Jeffrey.Ogurek@Samoset.org or 715-355-1450 for membership recruiting questions.



WE'RE LOOKING AT YOU!

Yes, you! You're just the person we need to help keep the Scouting movement strong!

Scouting is a youth-led, youth-run program, but the youth must be trained to be leaders. That's where you come in!

Adult role models in Scouting provide an ideal learning experience for all youth. Every adult volunteer has something valuable to offer. Plus, the benefits of Scouting are not limited to youth. Adults involved in Scouting also develop leadership and physical skills with every experience.

96 percent of volunteers say they would recommend volunteering for the BSA to other adults. In fact, volunteers believe their time invested with the Boy Scouts of America helps them be:

- A better citizen
- A better parent
- A better manager
- A better employee
- More patient and tolerant of others
- More open to new ideas and opinions



HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are many ways that you can help Scouting in your area. Whether you are volunteering directly with Scouts or helping out behind the scenes, you can make an impact on the lives of Scouts by volunteering your time. Here are a few ideas:

Assisting directly with Scouts on an ongoing basis

- Unit leader
- Assistant leader
- Board of review coordinator/member
- Court of honor coordinator/member

Helping directly with Scouts in specific events or activities

- Event coordinator/event committee member
- Pinewood derby coordinator/committee member
- Service project coordinator/committee member
- Camping trip participant
- Banquet coordinator/committee member
- Day camp coordinator/participant
- Summer camp coordinator/participant/promotion
- Merit badge counselor

Administrative Support

- Advancement committee chair/member
- Communications committee chair/committee member
- Secretary: record keeping, activity permits, meeting minutes, annual recharter activities
- Treasurer/assistant treasurer
- Youth Protection training coordinator
- Life to Eagle coordinator
- Merit badge coordinator

Other Kinds of Support

- Chartered organization representative
- Fundraising coordinator
- Unit committee chair/member
- Unit youth recruiter
- Product sales committee coordinator/member
- Promoter of council events to parents
- Religious award committee coordinator/member
- Trainer
- Council committee member
- Transportation coordinator
- Historian
- Quartermaster (supplies)



AKELA'S WORLD

When was the last time you saw an epic showdown between LUMBERJACKS and ROBOTS?!

Join us at Akela's World this summer as we explore many activities within the Cub Scout program. Your Scout will have the chance to choose their adventure in addition to great programs they already love like shooting sports, Huck Finn's Waterfront, and the Treehouses!

With the guidance of the CDC and the American Camping Association, our staff has created a program that allows your Scouts to focus on their specific rank while they are at camp.

Ready to save your spot, head to:
www.cognitofrms.com/SamosetBSA/akelasworld2022registration

CALLING ALL HIGH ADVENTURE ENTHUSIASTS!

Northwoods High Adventure IS BACK, and we couldn't be more excited!

This summer we are headed to **Ottawa National Forest** for a weeklong canoe trip, **Porcupine Mountains** for a weeklong hiking trip, and diving down into **Crystal Lake** with Klein SCUBA.

These treks are not easy, but they are definitely worth it. If your unit or youth are interested in joining us for something new, please visit the links below to reserve your spots!

Ottawa Canoe or Porcupine Hiking: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/SamosetBSA/northwoodshighadventuretrek2022>

Crystal Lake Scuba: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/SamosetBSA/scubatrek2022>



TESOMAS SCOUT CAMP

Follow us as we jump back in time and explore camp through a prehistoric lens in the summer of 2022.

Tesomas, B.C.E. is bringing back some cool merit badges we haven't been able to do in the recent years.

Lifesaving, small boat sailing, automotive maintenance, and cooking are just a few of the cool programs that'll be featured this summer. Speaking of prehistoric...how many of you remember the Waterfront Show?

If you have not registered for camp yet, you better hurry—we don't have many spots left! Head on over to:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/SamosetBSA/camptesomas2022registration>

BE PREPARED! SWIM TESTS & CAMPING

Now is a really great time to think about putting on those fins and getting your swim tests done for summer camp! Many units who do swim tests prior to summer camp find that their check-in process is not only smoother, but it allows them more time to set up their campsite and ease into their first night at camp.

If you'd like to do your swim tests outside of summer camp this year, please visit:

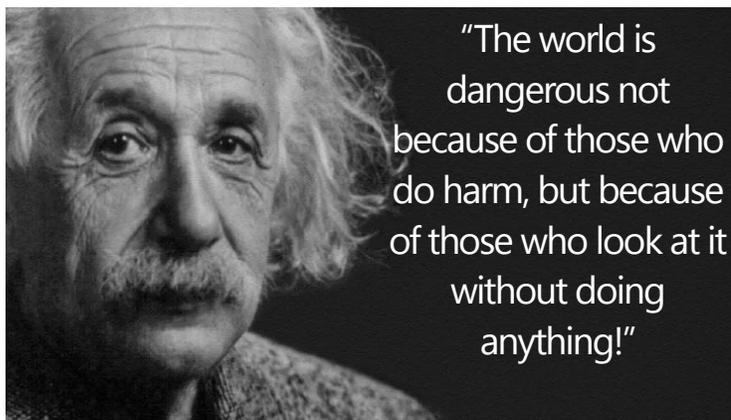
<http://samoset.doubleknot.com/camps/tesomas/66758>

IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 1, 2022: Campership Application Due visit <http://samoset.doubleknot.com/camps/tesomas/66758> to apply
- April 1, 2022: Merit Badge Registration Opens for Summer Camp
- April 1, 2022: 2023 Camp Registration Opens for Samoset Council
- April 15, 2022: First Deposit Due for All 2022 Campers
- June 1, 2022: Remaining Balances Due

BE AN UPSTANDER, NOT A BYSTANDER!

It was Albert Einstein who said it best:



Fellow Scouters, let's encourage our Scouts to do something. Let's encourage them to be upstanders, not bystanders.

In the book *The Bullying Antidote: Superpower Your Kids for Life*, authors Louise Hart and Kristen Caven share their thoughts on the differences between bystanders and upstanders.

"Bystanders make a decision to either actively or passively support the bully" through a lack of involvement. An upstander "recognizes that he or she has a choice and decides, 'I can and will do something to help make things better.'"

As we share knowledge about bullying prevention with our youth, we must remind our Scouts and Venturers that they have a choice. They can choose to make things better.

Hopefully the lessons about "a Scout is Kind" and their understanding that the BSA is meant to be a safe place for all Scouts and Scouters, will help them make a choice. They can and will play important roles in changing the bullying environment if they step up and be an "upstander."

The BSA has introduced the term "upstander" into our Youth Protection language and focus, but the concept goes beyond our movement. Books are being written about the concept and how to understand the relationships between bystanders and upstanders. Celebrities are reaching out to their fans with personal requests for understanding and involvement to stop bullying. Actions are taking place on the internet and through social media to help bystanders evolve into upstanders.

Hart and Caven indicate that adults can share with our youth, and other adults, that the success of upstanders comes from their power to do the following:

- Control or stop a bullying situation
- Support the victim and ensure their safety
- Be assertive and step into a difficult situation
- Be an example of great Scouting by doing the right things
- Ask for help from a trusted adult, when needed
- Set boundaries that are understandable and healthy
- Make sure that others understand how to be compassionate to the victim, while also preventing bullying

Be an upstander and teach your youth how to be upstanders.

You can make a difference!



THE WEBELO-TO-SCOUT TRANSITION

PREPARING FOR THE NEXT LEG OF THE JOURNEY



Crossover is an incredibly important time when a Scout moves from a Pack at the Cub level of the program to a Troop at the Scouts BSA level. This is one of the most challenging transitions when it comes to retaining Scouts in the program.

As a Pack leader it is crucial to begin connecting with your Troop as this time frame approaches to give your Scout a taste of what the program has to offer at the more advanced level.

As a Troop leader, it is highly important to reach out to your Pack to encourage Cubs to cross into your unit.

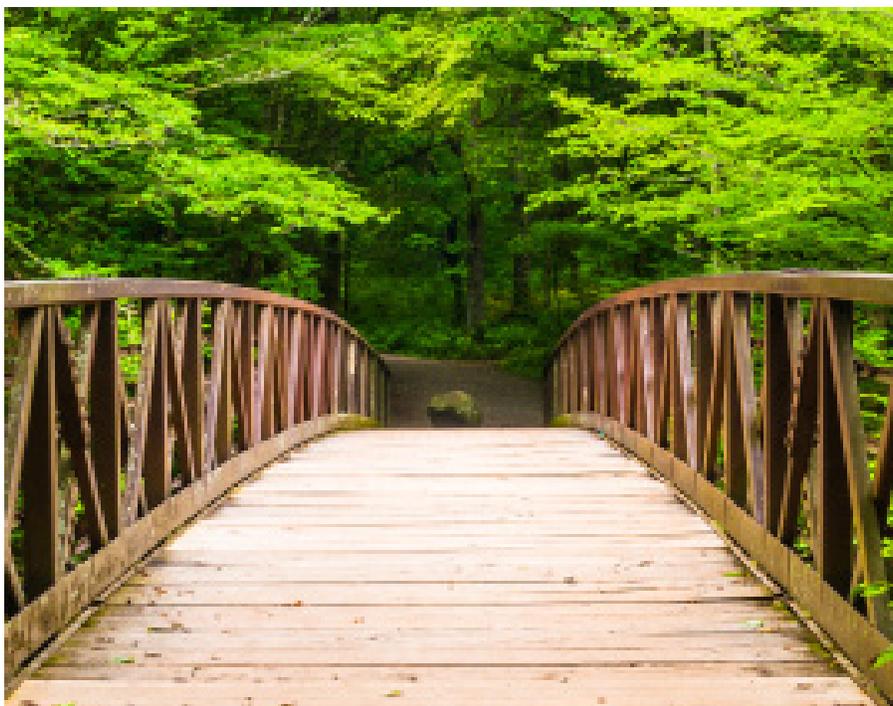
A great way to bridge this gap is as simple as connecting on a shared event and have all youth meet together. This not only helps them to look ahead as Cubs or give

back at the Troop level, but gives youth the chance to build relationships with one another.

Keeping Scouters engaged and involved long enough to become settled as a Scouts BSA youth is critical, not only to keep the program alive and strong, but to give youth the chance to experience what all that Scouting has to offer.

Please work with your unit leaders to reach out and ensure that as many potential Eagle Scouts reach their Troop as possible. Scouts only have the chance to live in Scouting once,

so make sure it is given to them, as they deserve the opportunity.



A FEW TIPS WHEN PLANNING A WEBELO-TO-SCOUT TRANSITION

This transition marks an important milestone in a Scout's journey, so consider recognizing this event with a memorable ceremony.

- Consider planning the crossover ceremony at an outdoor location with a bridge and space for a campfire (local parks, campgrounds, nature centers, etc.).
- Involve as many people as possible. This helps to make everyone feel invested and spreads the responsibilities around.
- Remember to cater the event to all ages, from young Cub Scouts to adult family members.
- Involve Scouts from nearby Troops in the ceremony. Perhaps presenting the neckerchiefs and/or Scouts BSA Handbooks.
- Spend time around the campfire afterward.



Scouting is Safer than Ever Before

As our nation’s foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, the Boy Scouts of America has an important duty to keep children safe. The BSA has implemented some of the strongest youth-safety measures found in any youth-serving organization.

But how do we know they’re working?

To answer this question, a third-party academic review of the BSA’s volunteer screening database of individuals barred from BSA programs concluded that policies and screening methods have significantly reduced risk to an all-time low.



But even one incident of abuse is one too many. That’s why safety continues to be the top priority for everyone in the BSA. Over many years, we’ve implemented barriers that help prevent situations where abuse may occur. These barriers work and are among the strongest safety measures used by any youth-serving organization today.

We also use the “three R’s”—Recognize, Respond, and Report—to empower everyone in the BSA to help stop behavior or situations that go against BSA policy.



First are the barriers to abuse. We run a criminal background check on every volunteer and employee who interacts with children. We recognize that safety measures shouldn’t stop there, so we’ve put in place a multitude of other barriers to help prevent abuse and provide the safest environment possible for our Scouts.

These other barriers include our two-deep leadership policy, which prohibits any one-on-one interaction between an adult and youth member – in person, online, over the phone, or through text.

We require all volunteers and employees to take our Youth Protection Training upon registering with the BSA and every two years after that so they can benefit from the latest knowledge.

Additionally, our volunteer screening database helps prevent known and suspected predators from registering with the organization.

Learning and discussing youth protection is also a required part of the program for youth members. Together, these expert-informed barriers help keep kids safe.

In addition to these barriers, everyone in the BSA plays a part in youth safety. Importantly, volunteers and employees know to abide by these policies because predators look for opportunities to groom both adults and youth. That’s why we equip our volunteers, employees, Scouting parents, and youth members with the knowledge and tools they need to recognize, respond to, and report abuse.

We provide multiple resources to empower everyone to do their part in keeping those around them safe. This includes helping volunteers and staff members recognize grooming behavior and signs of abuse through our mandatory Youth Protection Training developed by child safety experts.

For parents, Scouting handbooks include guides that raise awareness about different forms of abuse and offer insight on how parents can talk to their kids about these sensitive topics. We also partnered with the Barbara Sinatra Children’s Center Foundation to help younger kids and teenagers learn how to identify and report inappropriate behavior through

age-appropriate animated videos.

The BSA encourages the use of Scouts First—a 24/7 helpline to help volunteers, parents, and Scouts respond to concerns by reporting behaviors that might put a youth at risk, including violation of policies, inappropriate behavior, or suspected abuse.

Barriers to Abuse Together, these expert-informed barriers help keep kids safe



Remember: Everyone in the BSA is a mandatory reporter of child abuse, meaning anyone who suspects abuse must report it immediately to law enforcement followed by a report to the local Scout council or Scouts First.

There are 70 million youth in America that participate in a variety of organizations and activities. This is why we support universal measures to keep kids safe and continue to advocate for the creation of a national

database that all youth-serving organizations could contribute to and utilize to screen volunteers.

Please join us in our commitment to helping keep our nation’s children safe wherever they are, whether they’re in Scouting, sports, school, or any other organization. For more information on how the BSA helps keep kids safe in Scouting today, visit Scouting.org/YouthSafety.

TUFTS UNIVERSITY STUDY: SCOUTING BUILDS POSITIVE CHARACTER

We know from personal experience and anecdotal evidence that Scouting builds character in young people. But now we have the scientific data to prove it!

In a groundbreaking three year study, Dr. Richard M. Lerner and his team at Tufts University surveyed nearly 1,800 Cub Scouts and 400 non-Scouts in the Philadelphia area to analyze the effects of Scouting.

The study showed that youth in Cub Scouts became significantly more cheerful, helpful, kind, obedient, trustworthy, and hopeful about their future than non-Scouts. (Recognize any of those attributes from the Scout Law?)

HOW THEY DID IT

The Scouts and non-Scouts were surveyed five separate times during a two-and-a-half year period.

In the first survey, conducted right after the start of the study, researchers found no significant difference between Scouts and

non-Scouts. This was intentional, as the researchers were very careful in putting together a reliable control group. It was vital that their study began with both groups on equal footing.

The next few surveys were when things got interesting. Check out some of their findings on the next page!

Within the Scouting family, these findings are a nice reminder that the “one hour a week” (or, in most cases, more) that you devote to Scouting really does make a difference.

We are succeeding. Scouting works.

When asked what was “most important” to them, Scouts were significantly more likely than non-Scouts to choose “helping others” or “doing the right thing” vs. “being smart,” “being the best,” or “playing sports”



Tenure Matters

As Scouts' tenure in the program increases, they report higher levels of trustworthiness, intentional self-regulation, hopeful future expectation, and better grades



Engagement Matters

Scouts who are more engaged in the program are more cheerful, helpful, and kind, and have higher future expectation and intentional self-regulation

Highly engaged youth who are registered in highly engaged packs reported higher character attributes



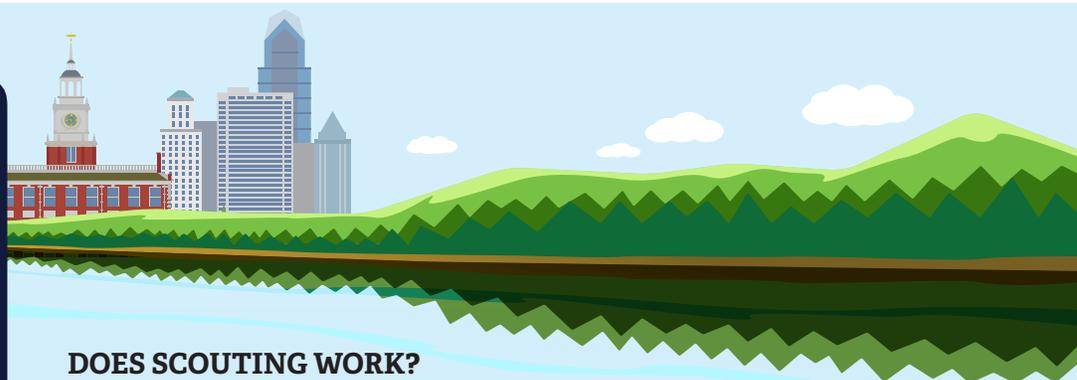
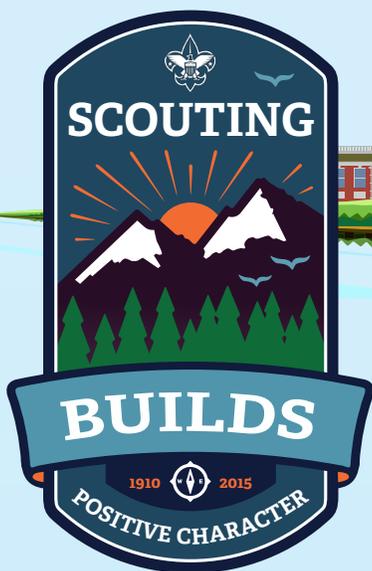
Meeting Attendance Matters

Scouts who attend meetings regularly report higher trustworthiness, helpfulness, kindness, and thriftiness, higher levels of hopeful future expectation and self-regulation, better grades, and a better connection with nature vs. Scouts who “sometimes” or “rarely” attend



RESOURCE TO ENJOY AND SHARE

The infographic on the next page can help you share this research with fellow and future volunteers (Tip: It makes an excellent resource for spring youth recruiting!).



DOES SCOUTING WORK?

We all know Scouting's goal is to prepare young people for life, but does it work? Scouting was put to the test over the course of three years, when a research team from Tufts University worked with the Boy Scouts of America's Cradle of Liberty Council to measure the character attributes of both Scouts and non-Scouts — all with a goal of better understanding the character development of youth as it was happening. The project, which was funded by the John Templeton Foundation and led by Dr. Richard M. Lerner, surveyed nearly 1,800 Cub Scouts and nearly 400 non-Scouts under age 12 using both interviews and survey data. **In the beginning, there were no significant differences in character attributes between the two groups. By the end, however, the differences were striking in several areas:**



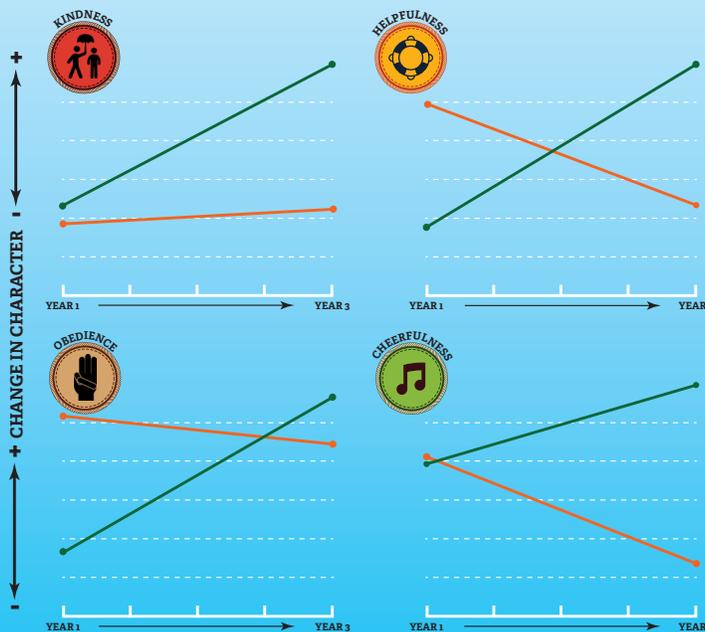
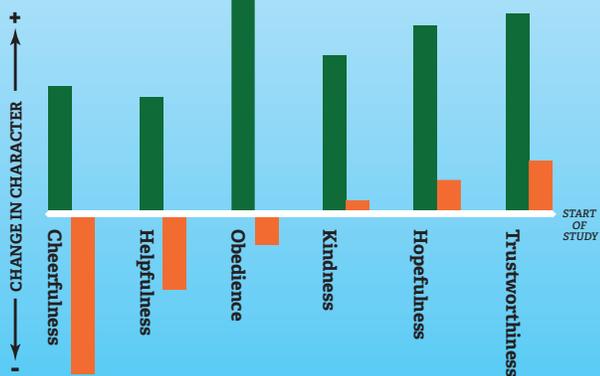
2,000+
Scouts and non-Scouts
aged 6-12 from across the
Philadelphia area were
measured in 6 key areas:



*Hopeful Future Expectations

CHANGE IN CHARACTER

during the course of
the 3-year study:



KEY FINDINGS:

- The **more time** kids spend in Scouting, the **better the outcomes** in character development
- Those who attend meetings regularly report **higher outcomes** virtually across the board when compared to Scouts with lower attendance
- Scouts are more likely to embrace **positive social values** than non-Scouts
- Scouts who are **more engaged** in the program report higher outcomes in nearly every category

With fun and discovery at every turn, Scouting makes the most of right now. But what's more, it builds positive character and provides young people a foundation they can stand on to embrace opportunity, overcome obstacles, and make new discoveries.

SCOUTING WORKS.

SPRING TRAINING, BSA STYLE!

MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPECIALIZED TRAININGS & COURSES FOR YOUTH AND ADULT SCOUTS.

Take advantage of these opportunities to be prepared for the upcoming warm-weather camping and adventure season. Register online by looking up the event on the Council calendar at: www.samoset.org/calendar

BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION — BALOO

April 23-24, 2022
Camp Phillips, Weston WI

The goal of this training is to provide you with the necessary skills and confidence to conduct outdoor camping activities, as it is very important that a Scouts first time camping experience is a good one.

This course is designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program for leaders interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities. BALOO training consists of an online pre-requisite component in addition to

an overnight, hands-on practical.

BSA's Cub Scout level camping policies will be taught along with the discovery of the necessary tools to help units carry out a successful camping experience.

Completion of this course is mandatory for a minimum of one adult on a Pack or den overnight campout.

The online component can be completed at my.Scouting.org.

WILDERNESS FIRST AID

May 7, 2022
Hannah Venture Base, Rhinelander, WI

This training is required for High Adventure treks and is a good idea for all Troops and Crews.

Having the knowledge to deal with potential injuries that may arise and provide first contact aid is an

extremely important set of skills. Whether you have some first aid knowledge that you would like to grow, or you are looking for a new course, with Scouting safety being such a crucial building block of the program, we encourage you to attend.

This course will be held during the Work Trek.

DEN CHIEF TRAINING

May 7, 2022
Camp Tesomas, Rhinelander WI.

One of the best helpers for a Cub Scout Den Leader or Webelo's Leader is a Den Chief, a Scout who can help with activities, advancement, ceremonies, crafts, and other den events. But the best Den Chief is one who has attended Den Chief Training to learn about games, songs, tricks, puzzles, and other skills needed to be a better leader, to know what the role of a Den Chief is, and TO HAVE FUN!

This course is for all Scouts, BSA, who currently

are serving as a Den Chief or who wish to serve as a Den Chief.

It is recommended that the Scout be at least 13 or First Class, but it is up to the Scoutmaster on who can become a Den Chief. Maturity is more important than age.

All Scouts attending training must have a Den Chief application signed by the Scoutmaster to attend.

This training opportunity will be held during the Spring 2022 Work Trek.

INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS — IOLS

May 20 and 21, 2022
Phillips Scout Camp, Weston, WI

A hands-on course on how to teach outdoor skills and planning for great youth-led camping adventures with your troop.

This course is needed to complete your “Trained Leader” requirements and is designed for all Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Troop Committee Members, Arrow of Light Leaders, and any registered adult Scouter wanting to brush up on their outdoor teaching skills.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING — NYLT

June 12-18, 2022
Hanna Venture Base, Rhinelander WI

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what they must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO.

The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.

NYLT is a seven-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment.

Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

WOOD BADGE

August 26-28 and September 10-11, 2022
Must attend both weekends
Akela’s World Cub Scout Camp, Rhinelander, WI

This course is designed to help the participant master contemporary leadership skills which will allow participants to more effectively prepare themselves for the challenges all leaders face.

This course is open to all registered Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Venture, or STEM leaders representing units, districts/areas, or councils.

This is a leadership course which rivals that of most corporate-level trainings. A truly unique and excellent opportunity to advance your skill and efficacy both inside and outside of Scouting.

For these and many more opportunities, please visit our page at samoset.org/training



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2022 SCUBA Program

Offered all camp sessions beginning July 4th

MUST REGISTER AHEAD OF TIME

Specific age and physical requirements apply

\$600 per person

Includes food, programming,
equipment, lodging

**Program
provided by
Klein Scuba**

**If your youth or adults are interested, please email Brit :
Brittany.Burmeister@Samoset.org**

Samoset Council MAD SCIENCE DAY CAMP

Open to all youth in grades 1-6

Come explore **STEAM*** topics in a whole new way!

We make education **FUN!** Guided by our nationally accredited camp staff, participants will learn about the world they live in through interactive, hands-on experiments.

Funny, fascinating, mind-blowing **SCIENCE!**

JUNE 20 Going Green for Ecology

JULY 11 Science Pirates

JULY 18 Creepy Crawly Critters

JULY 25 Science Behind the Holidays

AUGUST 1 Food Science

AUGUST 8 Tech Takeover

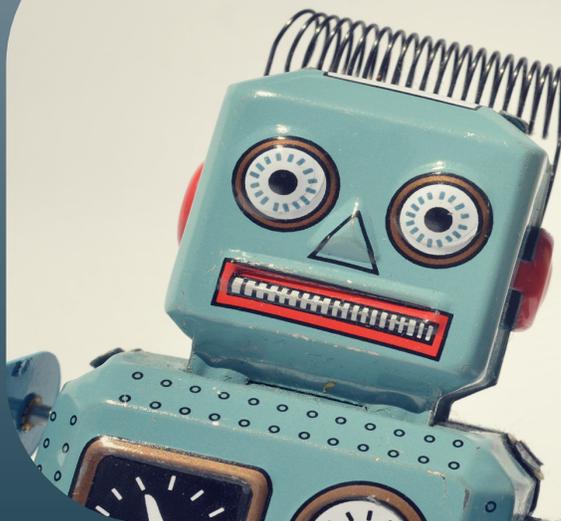
REGISTER TODAY at samoset.org/calendar

Register for all six camps and **SAVE!**

For more information, please call Abi at (715) 409-6637

abigail.glaum@samoset.org

*What is **STEAM**?



SCIENCE

TECHNOLOGY

ENGINEERING

ARTS

MATH

2022 Trek Program!

We are excited to welcome the Northwoods High Adventure program back to Crystal Lake Scout Reservation with two epic options for your 2022 summer!

Ottawa National Forest - Canoe Adventure

Porcupine Mountains - Hiking Adventure



Dates Available:

June 26- July 1

July 3-9

July 10 -16

July 17-23

July 24-30

July 31-Aug 6

Price: \$575 per person

Reservation: \$50 per person

Price Includes: transportation, partial equipment, food, fees, permits

Contact Brit Burmeister:

Brittany.Burmeister@Samoset.org



Open to all youth ages 13-17



TEEN TREK DAY CAMP

For more information and to reserve your spot, contact **Abi Glaum**
715-409-6637
abigail.glaum@samoset.org

- June 21** **Horseback Riding**
- July 5** **Shooting Sports**
- July 19** **Northwoods Trek**
- August 2** **Devil's Lake Trek**



10th Annual SPORTING CLAYS



“Pull for Scouting!”

Friday, June 10, 2022
Wausau Skeet & Trap Club

Join us for this premiere shooting event open to all levels of shooters—from beginner to advanced! All proceeds from this annual event directly benefit **over 4,000 youth** served by Samoset Council throughout North Central Wisconsin. Consistently recognized as one of the top Scouting councils in the United States of America, Samoset Council is one of the most impactful organizations working on behalf of youth in the area.

Details

Up to 30 five-person teams will take part in a 15-station course.

Entry fee includes:

- Eye and ear protection
- Ammo
- Lunch

Awards! Raffles! Guest speakers! It’s going to be a blast—Register TODAY!

Schedule

8:00 AM	Registration
9:00 AM	Morning shoot start
12:00 PM	Lunch featuring guest speakers, morning shoot awards, and raffle drawings
1:00 PM	Afternoon shoot start
3:15 PM	Afternoon shoot awards

For more information and to register visit www.samoset.org or contact:

Amanda Flannery
(715) 409-6690
amanda.flannery@samoset.org



SWAMP MONSTER ADULT FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

8 - 10 pm (Adults only 18+)

Iverson Park, Stevens Point

\$15 per person



5,000 Swamp Monster Eggs - Search the park for hundreds of winning numbered plastic eggs with only a flashlight to help illuminate your way!

- ◆ All eggs are empty and ONLY select numbered eggs are redeemable for prizes
- ◆ Grand Prize: **65" Flat Screen 4K UHD TV**
- ◆ Registration Online NOW
- ◆ Walk-ins are welcome to register at the event
- ◆ Event held rain or shine

Visit: SwampMonsterHunt.org to register

Location: Iverson Park, 4601 WI-66, Stevens Point, WI

* Check-in Registration begins at 8:00 pm, Hunt starts at 9:00 pm

Fundraiser to benefit the Samoset Council - Boy Scouts of America

Questions: Michael Vangelov 715-301-9823; email: michael.vangelov@scouting.org



Scout Night is back for the 2022 Season!
Join us for a night of baseball, fun, family and friends.



**Ticket Package and Registration
Information will be sent out in
March.**

Questions about Scout Night can be directed to Jace with the Wisconsin Woodchucks at 715.845.5055, ext. 117 or jbaumann@woodchucks.com

NATIONAL JAMBOREE

JULY 19-28, 2023

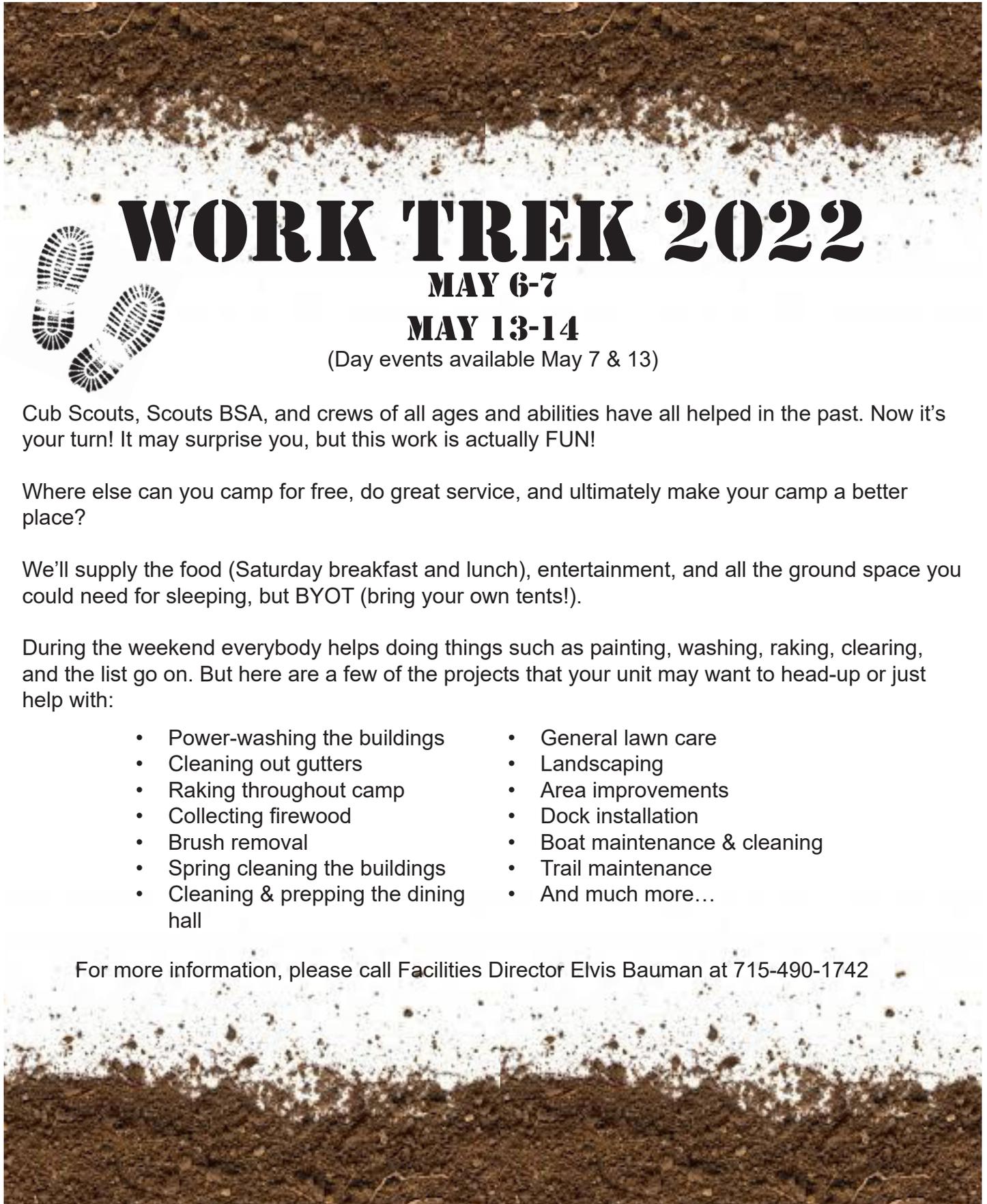


More than a destination, it's the adventure of a lifetime! The 2023 National Jamboree is set for July 19 to 28, 2023.

Make new friends, experience adrenaline-raising activities, attend high-energy stadium shows, trade patches with Scouts from across the country, explore Summit Bechtel Reserve—the stunning high-adventure playground—and unite with tens of thousands of fellow Scouts and Scouters.

Youth registration is now open on the Samoset website, but act fast—space is limited! For more information, contact Kristin at the Council office at kristin.woller@samoset.org or 715-490-0450.





WORK TREK 2022

MAY 6-7

MAY 13-14

(Day events available May 7 & 13)

Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and crews of all ages and abilities have all helped in the past. Now it's your turn! It may surprise you, but this work is actually FUN!

Where else can you camp for free, do great service, and ultimately make your camp a better place?

We'll supply the food (Saturday breakfast and lunch), entertainment, and all the ground space you could need for sleeping, but BYOT (bring your own tents!).

During the weekend everybody helps doing things such as painting, washing, raking, clearing, and the list go on. But here are a few of the projects that your unit may want to head-up or just help with:

- Power-washing the buildings
- Cleaning out gutters
- Raking throughout camp
- Collecting firewood
- Brush removal
- Spring cleaning the buildings
- Cleaning & prepping the dining hall
- General lawn care
- Landscaping
- Area improvements
- Dock installation
- Boat maintenance & cleaning
- Trail maintenance
- And much more...

For more information, please call Facilities Director Elvis Bauman at 715-490-1742

APRIL

- 2 Scouting For Food Donation Bag Drop Off
- 5 Roundtable - Stevens Point
- 7 Roundtable - Tomahawk, Wausau, Wisconsin Rapids
- 9 Scouting For Food Donation Pick Up
- 11 Citizenship in the World Merit Badge Clinic
- 12 Roundtable - Virtual
- 14 Roundtable - Marshfield
- 15 Council Office & Scout Shop Closed
- 22-24 Scouts BSA Camporee #1
- 23-24 BALOO 2022

MAY

- 3 Roundtable - Stevens Point
- 4 Swamp Monster Egg Hunt (18+)
- 5 Roundtable - Tomahawk, Wausau, Wisconsin Rapids
- 6-7 Spring Work Trek #1
- 9 Citizenship in the World Merit Badge Clinic
- 10 Virtual Roundtable
- 13-14 Spring Work Trek #2
- 20-21 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
- 30 Memorial Day - Council Office & Scout Shop Closed

JUNE

- 10 Sporting Clays 2022
- 11 Council Recognition Event
- 12-18 National Youth Leadership Training 2021
- 17-19 Akela's World 2022 Pd 1
- 19-25 Tesomas Scout Camp 2022 Pd. 1
- 20 Council Office & Scout Shop Closed
- 20 Mad Science STEM Day Camp Week 1
- 24-26 Akela's World 2022 Pd 2
- 26-7/2 Tesomas Scout Camp 2022 Pd. 2
- 27-29 Mad Science Overnight Camp





For additional details and a complete list of council events, visit www.samoset.org/calendar





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