Girls in Cub Scout Program

Last fall, the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America made a unanimous decision to welcome girls to our iconic programs, based on an understanding that the character and leadership qualities our programs develop are as relevant for girls as they have been for boys. These changes began in January 2018 with a soft launch of welcoming girls into Cub Scouts.

In 2018, an existing pack may choose to establish a new girl pack, establish a pack that consists of girl dens and boy dens or remain an all-boy pack. Cub Scout dens will be single-gender – all boys or all girls. Cub Scout packs, however, can include any combination of all-boy or all-girl dens. The choice is left to the individual pack Leaders in consultation with their chartered organization (see the break-down on page 6).

In February, Pack 599 became the first pack in Samoset Council to start a den for girls. Pack 599 Den leader, Hillary Kline, calls it an evolution in how the Boy Scouts operate, but not a new thing for these girls.
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Looking for a new career that offers independence and stability all while making a difference in the community? Samoset Council may be the perfect fit for you! For more information please contact Jeff Ottosen via email at jeff.ottosen@samoset.org.

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**Thank You Spectra Print**

Samoset Council thanks Spectra Print Corporation for their very generous donation of printing *The Samoset Voice*. It is because of this support that Samoset is able to provide such a high quality publication to our Scouting families and supporters.
Samoset Key 4 Message
A Message to our Amazing Volunteers

Earlier this year we had the pleasure of attending the council’s Annual Recognition Evening. It was a remarkable event, celebrating the efforts and service of our 2017 class of Eagle Scouts and the 2017 Silver Beaver recipients. The evening was a great reminder that some things in Scouting never change, even when it may seem like everything is changing.

Looking ahead to the next few years, it is clear we are part of an ever-changing movement. In our mission to serve youth and families with the positive activities of Scouting, we have expanded our reach. We continue to lead the development of the STEM Scouts program. We expanded our Cub Scout program to include kindergarten boys. We are working hard to re-introduce Exploring programs to our communities. These changes have all happened over the last three years.

As we consider the historic announcement of the BSA this past fall, it is easy to see more change on the way. We have begun to welcome girls into our Cub Scout program and we anticipate many more packs welcoming girls this coming fall. As we look to 2019, we anticipate a new program for older girls to participate in Scouting and achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

In addition to the many programmatic changes, we have begun implementing several new operations changes. We have removed the geographical boundaries we once knew as districts. We continue to welcome new volunteers and new staff into our council.

What was very clear to us as we honored our Eagle Scouts earlier this year is that some things will never change. Young men, and soon young women, who earn the rank of Eagle Scout will always be the best of the best. Our communities need these future leaders, equipped with the character and leadership skills they learned in Scouting.

Also, very clear that evening was the remarkable impact of Samoset Council volunteers. We will always rely on the tireless efforts of volunteers to deliver Scouting programs. Exceptional volunteers have always been what makes Scouting great in the Samoset Council and that will never change. We are so thankful for our volunteer leaders and we recognize our responsibility to equip each of you with the training and resources you need to deliver exceptional Scouting programs.

Thank you again for all you do for youth in Scouting. Please reach out and let us know what more we can do to support you in your volunteer service. We want to know how your experience is going as a volunteer leader. We would love to hear from you. Send us an email at Key4@Samoset.org.

Your friends in Scouting:

John Mabry  Council President
Rick Radloff  Council Commissioner
Thad Brockman  VP - Program
Jeff Ottosen  Scout Executive

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The Silver Beaver Award is one of the most prestigious awards given by the Boy Scouts of America. The award is the highest award that Samoset Council can bestow on a volunteer for rendering outstanding service to Scouting. Samoset Council is proud to present its highest honor, the Silver Beaver Award, to these volunteers in recognition of their distinguished service to youth within the Samoset Council.

**Bill Dunker**: Bill has been involved in Scouting for over 30 years. He became an involved parent and leader when his son joined Scouts. Bill has served in numerous leadership roles including Committee Member, Committee Chair and Merit Badge Counselor. He has been an active member of the Rib Mountain district committee and has served as the District Popcorn Kernel for over a decade. Through his leadership and dedication, 3.5 million dollars of popcorn has been sold. Bill is always ready to lend a helping hand for Scouting.

**Bob Glennon**: Scouting has always been a part of Bob’s life. As a Scout, Bob earned the rank of Eagle and was a member of the Order of the Arrow. When his sons joined Scouting, Bob was right there to provide leadership to their pack and troop. He has served in several leadership roles including Cubmaster, Committee Chair, Scoutmaster and roundtable staff. Bob takes an active role on the district committee to ensure great programs such as camporees and winter events.

**Dan Zieher**: Dan began his Scouting career like many, serving in various roles as his son progressed. He has served as Cubmaster, Den Leader, Scoutmaster, and Merit Badge Counselor. Most recently, Dan has been an integral member of the Mushkodany district committee, serving as Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner. In this role, he has helped plan roundtables, organize spring and fall camporees and help promote Scouting in the community.

**Randy Gilray**: Randy has been involved in Scouting for over 25 years. He has served in various roles including scoutmaster, merit badge counselor, training committee member, and district committee member. Most recently, Randy has served as the course director for National Youth Leadership Training. In this role he has had a positive impact on developing leadership for hundreds of youth.

**Kim Seehafer**: Kim began volunteering for Scouting with Pack 496 before her sons were in the pack. She has served in several unit and district positions including Den Leader, Commissioner, OA Chapter Advisor, and Merit Badge Counselor. Kim has been an active member of the district committee and volunteer for Samoset Camping programs. Kim currently serves as the youth studies dean for the University of Scouting and Boy Scout Chair for the council advancement committee. At nearly every Scouting event, you are likely to find Kim helping in some way.
**Summertime Pack Award**

**Earn an Award for Having Fun!**

Cub Scout packs that have activities over the summer hold onto their members and leaders longer because they keep the fun going all year long. A light schedule of activities over the summer is also a great tool to attract new Cub Scouts. As an incentive for greater attendance at your summer activities try using the National Summertime Pack Award.

This award is available for packs, dens, and individual Cub Scouts who complete the corresponding requirements:

- **Packs** – plan and conduct one activity each month (June, July, August).
- **Dens** – at least half of the den attends these three events.
- **Cub Scouts** – participate in all three events.

Packs and dens that qualify earn a colorful streamer and Cub Scouts who take part in all three events are eligible for the National Summertime Pack Award pin to wear on their uniform. There is a different color pin for each Cub Scout rank so earning the pin each year has more incentive.

Make your activities fun and simple. Many packs plan family picnics, sports outings, and ice cream parties to keep boys active in between district day camps and Akela’s World. Cub Scouts will gain a sense of accomplishment when receiving this award and will look forward to activities next summer! The award application can be found at www.samoset.org.

**Hanna Eagle Scholarship**

**Congratulations!**

Al and Chris Hanna established a scholarship fund to help support the education of some of our Eagle Scouts attending college. The Al and Chris Hanna Eagle Scout Scholarship Award is open to all Eagle Scouts currently registered with Samoset Council and who have demonstrated leadership both in and out of Scouting. Congratulations to the ten Eagle Scouts who received the scholarship this year!

The following Eagle Scouts have demonstrated outstanding leadership and we wish them well in their education:

- Nathan Koch
- Andrew Raschke
- Matthew Lee
- Ethan Lundborg
- Ethan Buechel
- Benjamin Metzger
- Matthew Dondlinger
- Silas Beranek
- Satchel Beranek
- Brett Woller
- Jacob Baker
- Trevor Stadler
- Edward Kindlarski

Samoset Council will be accepting 2018 applications this fall. Please visit our website for further details.
**What is Happening?**

Starting in 2018, families can choose Cub Scouts for their sons AND daughters. A Scouting program for older girls (ages 11-17) will be delivered in 2019, allowing participants to earn the highest rank of Eagle Scouts.

**Why The Change?**

Families today are busier than ever and with less free time, families want convenience. In fact, convenience beats cost as the #1 concern. Research shows that our programs are extremely appealing to today’s busy families.

In a recent survey of parents not involved in Scouting:

- **90%** are interested in a program like Cub Scouts for their daughters
- **87%** are interested in a program like Boy Scouts for their daughters

**How Will It Work?**

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**Family**

Goal: Making Scouting more accessible to today’s families

- Allows organizations to identify the options that work best for their communities
- Allows flexibility for chartered partners
- Allows us to introduce Scouting to more families
- Allows boys and girls to learn and grow at the pace that is unique to their development

*Diagram from https://www.scouting.org/
Samoset Council, Boy Scouts of America*
The fact that a boy is an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting but also as he enters higher education, business or industry, and community service. Not every boy who joins a Boy Scout troop earns the Eagle Scout rank; only about 6 percent of all Boy Scouts do so. This represents more than 2 million Boy 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. Samoset Council would like to congratulate those individuals who achieved the rank of Eagle in 2017. Below are some statistics about this class of Eagles.

- 79 Eagle Scouts for 2017, each completing a community service project
- 6.5% of Boy Scouts in Samoset Council (comparable with the national average)
- 6,000+ hours of community service (80 average hours per project)
- $125,000 was raised or donated through these projects
- The financial impact on communities in North Central Wisconsin is estimated to be over $500,000

### 2017 Class of Eagle Scouts

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INTRO. TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS
MAY 18-19, 2018

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) is designed for all Scoutmasters and their Assistants. This is the hands on experience on how to do all those outdoor skills and planning for great boy lead camping adventures with your troop. This course is needed to complete your ‘Trained Leader’ requirements.

Course Details:
- $23.00 (by May 9) - includes meals & program materials; $28.00 after May 9.
- Bring your leader and a youth handbook, sleeping gear, toiletries, mess kit (washable plate, bowl, and cup), metal knife, fork, and spoon. Also, bring your own tent and camp out on the grounds Friday night! Heated cabins will be available upon request for those without tents on a first reserved, first served basis.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING
JUNE 10-16, 2018

National Youth Leadership Training, often called NYLT, 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. Space is limited, so register early. More information is available on our website. Questions can be directed to NYLTsamoset@gmail.com.

Register for training and events online at www.samoset.org.

PEOPLES STATE BANK CONTRIBUES $15,000 FOR CAMP IMPROVEMENTS

The Samoset Council announced an investment of $15,000 from longtime community partner, Peoples State Bank. The gift comes as the Samoset Council launches the public phase of its capital campaign to raise $1.75 million for major projects at Camp Tesomas, one of the nation’s premier Boy Scout camps, located in Rhinelander. The projects include new shower facilities, Grand Council Ring, and a Science & Technology Center among others.

“Along with myself, many of us have lifelong memories of activities and friendships through youth camping. Peoples is proud to be the kickoff capital campaign supporter of Samoset’s ongoing leadership to provide children of all ages and income the opportunity for those same memories,” said Scott Cattanach, President & CEO of Peoples State Bank.

Thank you Peoples State Bank for your continued support for tomorrow’s leaders!
6th Annual SPORTING CLAYS
“Pull” for Scouting

The Samoset Council of the Boy Scouts of America proudly serves more than 5,800 youth annually in 13 counties in North Central Wisconsin.

Our more than 1,700 volunteer mentors are driven to deliver quality Scouting programs that provide young people with adventure, leadership, character development, citizenship, selfless service and much more!

We are looking forward to having you join us to “pull” for Scouting!

Friday, June 8th, 2018
Wausau Skeet & Trap Club

Morning and Afternoon Shoots
Pig Roast Lunch
5-Person Teams (space for 32 teams)

For team & sponsorship details
www.Samoset.org - 715-355-1450

Register your team now!
Gavin Dinges
REPORT TO THE STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Gavin Dinges represented Samoset Council in late March for the annual Report to the State in Madison. Gavin had the responsibility of presenting a portion of Samoset Council year-end report, Council highlights, and some of his own Scouting experience highlights.

Gavin installed the bike repair station at the head of the River Bend Trail located at the end of Park Street in Merrill.

“The bike repair station is designed to make simple bike repairs and maintenance, from changing a flat tire to adjusting brakes. The bike repair station is equipped with basic maintenance tools such as an Air Pump, Phillip and Standard Screwdrivers, Headset/Pedal Wrenches, 8/10mm and 9/11mm Cone Wrenches, Torx T-25 Wrench, Steel Core Tire Levers, and a Hex Key Set. The upper part of the station allows for bikes to be hung by the seat or top tube during repair. For help with repairs use the Quick Read (QR) code on the front of the Repair Station to view detailed instructions on your smart phone.”

On May 21, 2017, Gavin (with the help of mentor Delmer Polak and Scout members of Boy Scout Troop 599, Drew, Jordan, Jacob and Alex) excavated and constructed a concrete slab. Then on May 24, 2017 returned to affix the bike repair station to its permanent spot. As a result, the River Bend Trail and Merrill Community have a new place to fix their bicycles.

Jordyn Krahn
RECIPIENT OF THE VENTURING TRUST & RANGER AWARDS

Tending your beliefs/faith, Respecting the beliefs of others, Understanding other cultures, Serving your community, and Transforming our society; The Venturing Trust Award is the expert level for religion in Venturing. Jordyn demonstrated the principles of religion, community, and tolerance. Its purpose is to provide a pathway for personal development in the forms of service and devotion to God.

The Venturing Ranger Award is the highest outdoor skills award offered by Boy Scouts of America. Because of the attraction of high adventure, the Ranger Award is available to all Venturing youth members of the BSA. The purpose of the award is to encourage Venturers to achieve a high level of outdoor skills proficiency; recognize achievement of this high level of outdoor skills proficiency; provide a path for outdoor/high-adventure skills training; and establish Rangers as a highly trained leadership resource for Crews, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the community.

“The awards were a lot of hard work. They took a lot of leadership and help from my family, fellow Scouts, and the staff up at Camp Tesomas. They were great learning opportunities that pushed me past my comfort level. These lifelong skills were fun and gave me a new outlook with the diversity they held.”
SCOUTS & LOCAL VETERANS POST

VFW Post 1638 out of Merrill, WI, who charters Pack and Troop 503 is taking their partnership to new heights! A capital campaign to build the Northwood Veteran’s Post, which will be home for 8 Veteran/Scout organization is underway.

The Northwoods Veterans Post will provide meeting and office space for each of the 8 organizations which consist of VFW, DAV, AmVets, VFW Axillary, American Legion, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. It will house a banquet hall that seats 240, computer lab, have an area for satellite medical services, fitness center, and be home to the National Registry for Military Chaplin’s. Outdoors, the facility will provide access to trails, volleyball courts, horse shoe pits, fire pit and camping space. The hope is that this will provide each organization the ability to hold events or provide services beyond Merrill reaching out counterpart on a district, state and national level.

The campaign is providing scouts the opportunity to partner with young and old Veterans and their families in a common goal. Scouts have spent Christmas day delivering presents at King, golfed, and bowled alongside with each other, presented flag ceremonies, and built partnership. The interaction that is happening between what some would say is a stressed interaction is no longer apparent in these organizations.

At the Northwoods Veterans Post, our Scouts are building on their charter traits by learning responsibility and compassion for those around them. The hours of community service that will be logged will be more than Troop & Pack 503 have ever had the opportunity to take part in, as well as for Patriotism, military, and Veteran recognition; this is the heart and soul of the campaign.

If your Pack or Troop would like more information please visit: www.northwoodsveteranspost.org.

38th Annual Samoset Scouting Golf Scramble

Save the Date!
Friday, August 24, 2018
Greenwood Hills Country Club

Registration online at www.samoset.org/golf

Registration begins at 8:30 AM
Shotgun Start at 10:00
Buffet Following Golf
Individual & Team Prizes
Friendly Competition

All proceeds from this annual event will benefit North Central Wisconsin youth served by the Samoset Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The Samoset Council has consistently been recognized as one of the top Scouting councils in America and is one of the greatest organizations working on behalf of youth in North Central Wisconsin!
**Family Adventure Weekends**  
**June 2-3 & August 31-September 3**  
Share the thrill of the outdoors with your entire family. We will provide some of your camp favorite activities such as climbing and archery. There will also be plenty of open time for hiking, fishing, and boating.

*Photo by Dan Riehle*

**Camp Special Diet Needs**  
Please notify us of any special dietary needs or restrictions two weeks before your arrival to summer camp using the form available online.

If you have any questions about our menus, please contact the camping department at 715-365-3111.

**Important Camping Dates**  
April 14  Spring Merit Badge Workshop  
April 15  $75 Camper Deposits Due for Tesomas & Akela’s World  
May 4-6  Spring Work Trek  
June 1  Final Camp Balances Due  
June 2-3  Family Adventure Weekend  
June 25-27  STEM Adventure Camp Rhinelander

**Webelos Fall Adventure**  
**September 21-23**  
From the moment Scouts arrive at Tesomas till they depart Sunday afternoon, they will be immersed in a program based solely around the Webelos experience. Campers will experience what awaits them in Boy Scouting. This event is open to Scouts registered as a Webelos in the fall and their parents. More information will be available this summer!

**2019 Summer Camp**  
**Opened March 1**  
Reservations are now being accepted for 2019. Units are encouraged to reserve space early, as popular weeks fill up quickly. A non-refundable reservation fee of $5 per camper is due with your reservation. These fees will apply toward your camp fees.

Signup online www.CampingIsKing.com

For more information and to register for camping go to www.campingisking.com
Samoset Scouts spend two weekends canvassing their neighborhoods collecting bags of food from the community to help fill the shelves of local food pantries. Samoset Council partners with over 50 food pantries in 13 counties and collects 60 tons of food annually. This project helps fill a tremendous need in the community and teaches our Scouts the importance of giving back to their community. Remember that you are helping the families in your community who need it most!

Suggested Non-perishable items: Soup, dry pasta, dry mixes, canned foods, boxed food, flour, and sugar.

Look for our Scout branded, yellow grocery bags (graciously donated by Trig’s) on your front door Saturday, April 14th, and fill them up with (non-expired) non-perishable food. Then, place the full bag outside your front door by 9:00am on Saturday, April 21st so our Scouts can pick up your donations swiftly and effectively.

**Scouts in Action Photo Contest Winner!**

Thank you to all who have participated in the Samoset Council Scouts in Action Photo Contest! It was wonderful to see so many photos of Scouts from all across the Council. Although we received so many Scouting submissions, we have decided the winner is **Abby Runner**! She took this photo of her son, Nick Hanson having an absolute blast flying down the zip line at Hanna Venture Base! Her winning photo will be hanging up in the Schuette Hall hallway in the near future!
SMILEY THE TENT CANNOT FIND HIS CROWN
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

All Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts, STEM Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Explorers are invited! Don’t miss the fun and excitement of the 2018 Council Camporee, which will be held October 12-14, 2018 at the Hodag Festival Grounds in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Our program will be jam-packed with challenging activities, super shows, and awesome exhibits; so start planning now to enjoy this most excellent adventure.

Activities

- Lawn Games
- Shooting Sports
- STEM
- Pedal Karts
- Exhibits
- Outdoor Cooking
- Evening Show
- Branding
- Tomahawk Throwing
- Rope Making
- Climbing Wall
- Monkey Bridge
- and much more

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

OCTOBER 12 - 14, 2018
HODAG FESTIVAL GROUNDS, RHINELANDER, WI
LION PROGRAM

BSA STATEMENT REGARDING INTEGRATION
Recognizing the success of the national Lion pilot program, the Boy Scouts of America’s Board of Directors have approved integrating Lions into the Cub Scout program empowering chartered partners with packs to offer the experience to Kindergarten-age children nationwide.

Integrating the national Lion pilot into the Cub Scout program enables chartered partners, along with the adult leadership in the pack, to offer the program to Kindergarten-age children, which families have requested and appreciated in markets where the pilot was offered to date.

FAQs:

Q: Why did the BSA make this decision?
To achieve our mission, we create innovative programs and evolve existing ones that respond to the needs of today’s families and deliver them through dedicated community partners and volunteers across the nation. Integrating the national Lion pilot into the Cub Scout program enables units to offer the program to Kindergarten-age children, which families have requested and appreciated in markets where the pilot was offered to date.

Q: When does the integration of Lion into the Cub Scout program take effect?
The decision to integrate Lions into the Cub Scout program will take effect for the 2018-19 program year.

Q: What does this mean for my unit?
The decision means that units no longer need to be pre-approved by the council to offer Lions. Moving forward, Lions will be part of the Cub Scout program, just like the other ranks that unit offer.

Q: When will the new Lion materials be available?
In addition to the t-shirt and hat that are now available, the new Lion materials, including the Lion Adventure Loops, neckerchief and slide, will be available in late summer for the fall recruitment season.

Q: Will Lion Guides now be called Den Leaders?
Yes, the name of adult leader was changed to align with the rest of the Cub Scout program; however, Den Leaders still facilitate and engage the families to each take turns in leading a den meeting and outing.

Q: Will the Lion uniform change so that they wear the blue Cub Scout uniform shirt?
No. The Lions uniform will be the Lion t-shirt, hat, and belt, with a neckerchief, and slide optional after the completion of the ‘Gizmos and Gadgets’ adventure.

Q: Do Lions now earn Bobcat first before they work on their rank?
No. Lions work on their Lion first. When they become a Tiger they then begin to work on their Bobcat.

Q: What will the Lions be able to earn in the program?
Throughout their experience, Lions can earn adventure loops, the neckerchief and the Lion rank patch, which is to be worn on the front upper left-hand side of the t-shirt. When Lions cross over into Tigers they may wear the patch on the bottom of the left-hand side pocket.

Q: Can Lions do overnight camping?
Lions can participate in family camping with their pack.

Have a Scouting-related question or topic you would like to know more about? Email us to get the answers you need in an upcoming issue of the Samoset Voice. (Email: smiley@samoset.org)
As our newest Unit Serving Executive, **Janice Watson** has been working directly with volunteers in the Southern area of our council.

Janice and her family recently relocated to the Wausau area from Springfield, MA. For the past ten years Janice has served in various positions of leadership in the YMCA. Janice and her husband, Dave, have two sons.

In her own words: “My life is grounded by faith and family and I’m always seeking to pass the positive messages taught to me by my grandmother, who believed that there is always a way out. She would say ‘Believe and have faith and it will come through.’

**Kristin Woller** is another one of our newest Unit Serving Executives. Kristin is serving units and volunteers in the Northern areas of the Samoset Council.

Kristin has been an active volunteer at the unit level and previously in the Northwoods District for many years. She joined the Samoset Staff in 2015 as Scout Shop Manager and was promoted the following year to Service & Support Team Leader.

Our Communications & Special Events Executive, **Leanna Holzem** has been with us since October of 2017. Leanna is a product of D.C. Everest High School and UW-Stevens Point. Her main responsibilities with Samoset Council are internal/external communications, special event coordination (such as Sporting Clays and the Golf Scramble), and marketing.

When she isn’t working, Leanna enjoys kayaking, hiking, camping, fishing, and biking with her husband, Tim.

Amanda Flannery, the new Unit Serving Executive for the northern area of Samoset Council. She is serving Troops and Packs in Antigo, Crandon, and Elcho. She also oversees the STEM Scouts labs for the Northern region of the Council. She has been working for the Samoset Council for the past 2.5 years as the STEM Executive but is excited to transition over to serving traditional Scouts as well. Amanda was not involved in Scouting before starting her job at the Council but now loves the Boy Scouts of America and all the benefits it offers our youth. She grew up in Crandon so she is looking forward to working with volunteers from her hometown and the surrounding area.

**Hired in February of this year, Austin Zurakowski** has joined council staff in a dual role. Austin is a part of the Customer Service & Support team working out of the Wausau Homes Scout Center and also part of our Scouting Outreach program delivery team. Austin is an Eagle Scout from Troop 451 and has been involved in Scouting since he was a Tiger.

**The Greatest Adventure is What Lies Ahead**
**FALL CONFERENCE AT TESOMAS**
**AUGUST 17-19, 2018**

**SECTION C-1B CONCLAVE**
**SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2018**

“The Greatest Arrowman” is the theme for this year’s Order of the Arrow Section C1B Conclave. This event will be held at Gardner Dam Scout Camp. All order of the arrow members are encouraged to attend.

Registration for Section Conclave is now open! Join more than 250 Arrowmen for a weekend of fun activities, order of the arrow training, and of course the Saturday night traditional Hodag event.

Registration and more details can be found on the TKC website: http://tkc.samoset.org

**YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING**

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. True youth protection can be achieved only through the focused commitment of everyone in Scouting. The BSA recently released a new version of youth protection training. By October 1, 2018, all new and currently registered leaders will be required to complete the updated training.

Furthermore, all adults attending Camp Tesomas this summer must be registered members of the BSA and Youth Protection trained. Each unit will be asked to submit an official roster showing that adults are registered and have completed Youth Protection Training.

Youth protection training can be completed through My.Scouting.org.

Questions? Please contact Scott Domino via scott.domino@samoset.org.
They’re smart.

Let’s help make them even smarter.

Day Camp Opportunities:
Wisconsin Rapids-July 10th
Weston-July 17th
Rhinelander-July 19th
Stevens Point-July 26th

The Samoset Council will offer four one-day STEM Scouts camps this summer in different locations throughout our service area. The camps are open to the public so any boy or girl entering grades 3-6 are welcome to register. The STEM camps focus on hands-on activities in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. There will be demonstrations from local businesses and colleges.

Registration will be available online at Samoset.org later this spring.
April

13-15 STEM Adventure Weekend
14 Scouting for Food Drop off
   Spring Merit Badge
   Scout Shop open 9 - 12
21 Ojibwa Pinewood Derby
   Scouting for Food Pick up
27-28 BALOO/OWL Training
   Ahdawagam Spring Camporee
27-29 Crystal Lake Spring Camporee
   Northwoods Spring Camporee

May

2 Aviation MB Clinic (first session)
4-6 Ojibwa Spring Camporee
   Spring Work Trek
   Wilderness First Aid
9 Aviation MB Clinic (second session)
11-13 Rib Mountain Spring Camporee
12 Scout Shop Open 9 - 12
14 Scholarship MB Clinic
   Reading MB Clinic
   Motor Boating Clinic
16 Aviation MB Clinic (third session)
18-19 Intro. to Outdoor Leader Skills
18-20 Northwoods Spring Event
28 Memorial Day (Scout Center/Shop Closed)

June

1-3 Cub Camporee and Chuckwagon
10-16 National Youth Leadership Training
15-17 Akela’s World
17-23 Apostle Islands (trip #1)
   Tesomas Scout Camp
22-24 Akela’s World
24-30 Apostle Islands (trip #2)
   Tesomas Scout Camp
25-27 STEM Camp Rhinelander
29-1 Akela’s World

Information on events and dates as well as contact information are available on www.samoset.org.

Featured Volunteers

Thank you for Your Service to Scouting!

Jeff Klein is a long time volunteer in the Wausau Area. Jeff is a Silver Beaver Award Recipient, an Order of the Arrow Vigil member, and has received the District Award of Merit. He has served on the District Committee and the Chuckwagon Committee, assisting with many odds and ends task, but is well-known for his efforts as the Camporee Chair. Jeff has executed numerous Camporees with great success, planning the next one before the current has even happened. Jeff is a great volunteer because he is committed to helping Samoset Council provide excellent programming to our Scouts!

Denise Wegner is the Cubmaster from Pack 551 in Park Falls, a Boy Scout Committee member, and a Co-Leader for a Girl Scout Brownie Troop. Clearly, she is a hard-working volunteer with a love for educating our future leaders great life lessons. She is well known for her being a very passionate and dedicated volunteer. Denise is the one keeping all things in her Pack on track and moving forward. She puts so much time and energy into the program making sure the scouting program is fun and exciting for all the Scouts in the Pack.

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The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Wausau Homes Scout Center Hours
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM (Monday - Friday)

Scout Shop Hours
8:30 am - 5:00 pm (Monday - Friday)
9:00 am - 12:00 pm, 2nd Sat of the month (Sept-May)