Any Scout who has been a part of the adventure and excitement of Scouting has probably participated in a unit fundraiser. There is a cost associated with many Scouting activities and a unit fundraiser can be a great way to meet those costs!

The Boy Scouts of America provides some guidelines for Packs, Troops, Crews, and Posts included in the Unit Money Earning Application which is available online at Samoset.org or at the Council Service Center. Unit leaders need to be aware of these guidelines and receive the appropriate council signature on their application before starting a fundraiser.

There is some confusion among Scouting volunteers, Scouts, and family members about the use of individual Scout accounts. The following Q&A should provide clarity about the use of individual accounts. For additional information, please review the “Fiscal Policies and Procedures for BSA Units”, you can visit www.IRS.gov or call us at the Council Service Center.

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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.
Happy New Year! As we embark on 2019 it certainly is a remarkable time to be a part of Samoset Council, Boy Scouts of America. Here are just a few things we’re excited about as we start the new year:

- We are starting our 100th year of Scouting in Samoset Council. For the past 99 years, our volunteers have been providing youth across our local communities with incredible outdoor adventures, leadership training, and character building activities. We have helped more than four generations grow into great adults and leaders. We look forward to celebrating our council’s 100th birthday with you this time next year!

- Starting in February, girls will be able to join Scouts BSA troops and benefit from the same activities and leadership development opportunities previously only available to boys.

- Our Scouting outreach work continues to grow. We are thrilled to be making Scouting programs available to more youth throughout Samoset Council as we collaborate with a variety of community organizations.

- We’re excited about the many opportunities youth will have this year to live Scouting in the great outdoors including: unit camping and activities, camporees, day camps, Camp Tesomas, Akela’s World, Northwoods High Adventure, Philmont, Sea Base, World Jamboree... The list goes on. Just as envisioned by Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, it’s through these adventures Scouts are challenged and grow into the leaders of the future.

We know none of this would be possible without the dedication of our volunteers. Thank you 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
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Thad Brockman  VP - Program
Jeff Ottosen  Scout Executive

Thank You: John Mabry, Council President 2016-2019

John Mabry has served Samoset Council faithfully as President for the past three years. John has led the council through a variety of changes and has championed the effort to bring Scouting into the lives of a growing number of youth and families across Samoset Council. John led the research and development phase of the council’s plan to improve the level of direct service to unit volunteers and agreed to serve an extra year as council president to oversee the early implementation of that plan. John’s enthusiasm for STEM Scouts has been a driving force behind Samoset Council’s successful launch of the new pilot program. Samoset Council is a better Scouting council because of his leadership. Thank you, John, for three incredible years as our Council President!
FUNDRAISING FAQ’s

Fundraising & Individual Scout Accounts (continued)

Q: Are individual Scout accounts allowed?
A: Yes. These accounts are permitted when funded by the youth member or their family. For example: A Scout who receives an allowance for doing chores at home can have that money put into their individual account. A family can also put money into the Scout’s individual account (to make payments for summer camp, for example), but this is not considered a charitable contribution.

Q: Who does the money from unit fundraisers belong to?
A: Funds raised as part of a unit fundraiser (popcorn sale, brat fry, special event, etc.) belong to the unit. No funds raised from a fundraiser belong to an individual or individuals.

Q: Can funds raised as part of a unit fundraiser be placed into individual Scout accounts?
A: No. Funds raised by the unit from a product sale, or any other fundraiser, belong to the unit. The IRS has stated that crediting fundraising amounts constitutes private benefit. However, the unit could use the funds (all or a percentage) raised to reduce or eliminate dues and various registration fees, purchase uniforms and Scouting books as well as purchase camping equipment. The unit could also use its funds to provide assistance to individual Scouts in cases of financial hardship.

Q: How do Scouts benefit from the money raised in a unit fundraiser?
A: The unit committee is responsible for expenditures from unit funds for the benefit of the unit. Unit funds may be used to reduce the cost of participation, including the cost of attending camp or obtaining uniforms. They may be used to provide financial assistance or awards to individual Scouts based upon their level of participation generally or in specific activities benefiting the unit, chartered organization or community, attendance, advancement and/or need. Unit funds may be used to buy equipment for the unit or for any other legitimate need of the unit.

Q: Who is responsible for the finances of the unit?
A: The unit committee is responsible for the unit’s finances. A treasurer is assigned, and the committee chair should receive the bank statement for monthly reconciliation. All unit funds should pass through the bank account; this includes, but is not limited to: dues, money from unit fundraisers, product sales, and gifts. An exception might be registration fees that are collected as part of an organized School Night program. In this case, fees are collected by council representatives and are transmitted to the Scout service center.

Q: My child is no longer in Scouting. Can they “take money with them” from their participation in fundraisers to help pay for school, buy camping equipment, or for any other reason?
A: No. Money raised belongs to the unit, not to individual Scouts.

If you have any other fundraising related questions you can contact us at (715) 355-1450.

Samoset Council, Boy Scouts of America
In 2015, the Samoset Council completed a comprehensive long-range plan for the Crystal Lake Scout Reservation. This plan addresses everything from program enhancements and personnel needs to major capital projects and necessary infrastructure. Four major capital projects have been identified as top priorities in the plan. It is the goal of the Samoset Council to raise $2 million to fully fund these four projects by June 2020! The first two projects are fully funded and completed. The third project is funded and under construction. Fundraising and final plans are being developed for the fourth project. Over $200,000 has been raised toward the final project, but we need everyone’s help to reach our goal and break ground in 2019!

**Project Status**
1. Staff Housing: Completed Spring 2017
2. West Shower Building: Complete Spring 2018
4. Business & Technology Center: Fundraising in progress
Roundtable Meeting
Why Is It Important to Attend?
Roundtables are unique opportunities for Scout leaders of all programs to gather and share information which can benefit all scouting members. In the Samoset Council, our new roundtable format creates an atmosphere where this sharing of information is even easier! Once per month, in five locations, adult volunteers gather to learn about Samoset Council events, local opportunities, and share what they know with other leaders.

What can you learn? Topics range from discussion of local opportunities to National Council events and policies. At each Roundtable you can pick up tidbits of advice on developing exciting programs, working with other adult leaders, parents and scouts, and techniques to make your next outing or event even better. And the best thing of all is that roundtables are organized and facilitated by volunteer leaders so you will always find session leaders who have the same focus as you: creating a better Scouting experience for our youth!

Please check out the roundtable locations and monthly agenda under “Resources” on Samoset.org. We hope to see you there!

Friends of Scouting 2019
How Your Investment Makes a Difference
Today more than ever, Scouting has so much to teach young people about personal responsibility, kindness and service to others. When you think of Scouting, you may think of earning awards, going to camp and building pinewood derby cars. These activities and so many more are designed to prepare young people for tomorrow’s challenges. Your child is one of over 6,000 youth served by Samoset Council annually, and your support continues to make that possible. With your contribution to our annual Friends of Scouting Campaign Scouting can continue to impact the lives of youth across north central Wisconsin. We are in the heart of the 2019 Friends of Scouting campaign and you will have an opportunity to give at an upcoming unit meeting. Every gift, no matter the size, will have an immediate impact on youth in your community. Thank you for your support of youth through Scouting!

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING
Make an investment in today’s youth!

Samoset Recognition Evening
February 26
“Scouting rises within you & inspires you to put forth your best.”

We have known and continue to recognize that without the tireless effort of a great many volunteers, Scouting would not be capable of making such stride of impact on the lives of so many kids. While aiming to recognize our Unit Level Volunteers, we also want to celebrate our whole Council in one huge celebration. And as an added treat, we wanted to show off our newly ranked Eagle Scouts for celebration.

Please join us, on Tuesday February 26, 2019 at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, for the Samoset Council Volunteer & Eagle Recognition Banquet! Fellowship begins at 5:30pm, with Dinner & Program starting at 6:00pm. There will be no charge, but we ask that you bring a canned food for donation!

To reserve your seat, please register by February 21, 2019.
For the first time in its 100+ year history, the iconic program of the Boy Scouts of America will be open to young women. Scouts BSA is the same program of fun, adventure, leadership and character development boys have been experiencing for over 100 years.

Now, girls can join troops too! Girls will be doing the same program as boys; earning the same awards, having the same leadership opportunities and making the same positive impact on our communities. Scouts BSA troops are single-gender, all girls or all boys.

2. **Adult Leaders Selected**
At a minimum, a Scouts BSA troop is required to have the following volunteer leaders:
- Chartered Organization Representative
- Scoutmaster
- Committee Chair
- Two (2) Committee Members

3. **Adult Leaders Trained**
Once leaders are selected, they need to receive training for their positions. Much of the required training, including Youth Protection Training, is available online at My.Scouting.org.

4. **Program Planning**
It is vital to have a few months of activities planned before starting the new troop. This will help attract youth to the program. Once youth are recruited they will be instrumental in planning a full-year of meetings and activities.

5. **Recruit Youth Members**
Once you have trained leaders and the beginnings of an annual program plan you are ready to invite youth to join.

6. **Complete the Paperwork / Collect Fees**
Before the first troop meeting all paperwork and fees should be turned in to Samoset Council. Once the paperwork and fees are submitted, the troop will receive a unit number and official charter.

7. **Begin Troop Meetings**
Let the fun begin! There are a variety of Scouting resources to help youth and adult leaders have the best experience possible with your new troop.

In addition to your unit serving executive, your troop will have access to a variety of resources provided by Samoset Council. One of the most important resources will be an assigned unit ambassador. Your unit ambassador is a volunteer that will check in with your troop leaders from time to time to ensure everything is going well. This person will be another great resource to call with questions along the way.

We are excited to be working with enthusiastic volunteer leaders to start new troops for girls and boys in 2019. Please contact us at the Samoset Council Service Center if you have any questions.

Interested in starting a new Scouts BSA troop? The first step is to contact Samoset Council and you will be connected with a staff member, unit serving executive, responsible for supporting the Scouting program in your community. Your unit serving executive will help you navigate the steps to take on your path to starting a new troop. Here is a brief summary of each step:

1. **Secure a Chartering Organization**
The Chartered Organization is an organization that desires to use the Scouting program to further its mission for the youth it supports. Samoset Council provides support and service necessary to help the chartered organization succeed in its use of Scouting.
CUB SCOUT LEADER TRAINING
THURSDAY, MARCH 14

“Be Prepared to be the Best You Can Be.”

Attend the training on March 14, 2019 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Stevens Point. This hands-on training is for any current or future cub masters and den leaders (you will get all you need to know to make your experience as well as the Scouts in your pack the best experience they can have). Learn about programs for dens, packs, and all those great advancement opportunities they have. Cannot make the meeting? No problem! You may also complete these trainings online at your own pace. Go to Samoset.org training for Cub Scouts and then pick either “Den Leader” or “Cub Master” or both.

IOLS & OWL TRAINING
MAY 17-18

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills and Orientation for Webelos Leaders, also known as IOLS & OWL, are for current and incoming webelos leaders, assistant scout masters, and scout masters. Mark your calendar for the weekend of May 17-18, at Camp Phillips, 3511 Camp Phillips Road, Weston. You will learn how to safely and properly plan for overnight campouts, food preparation, advancements scouts may earn, equipment you will need, and all things related to the outdoors.

OWL training is required for all Webelos leaders in order to take your den or pack camping. Please register on-line at Samoset.org go to upcoming events and click on IOLS/OWL Training.

Cost is only $23.00 to cover food and materials.

BALOO AND YOU!
APRIL 26-27

“BALOO? What in the world is that?” you may ask. Well it stands for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation. This is a great starter course for any registered leader or parent in your pack. You will form your own den and have a great time working with other leaders as you do hands-on activities to learn all about how to implement the outdoors into your pack’s program. Learn about, camping, outdoor cooking, nature, campfire programs and more.

This event is being conducted on April 26-27 of 2019, at Camp Phillips, 3511 Camp Phillips Road, Weston. Cost is only $20.00 to cover food and take-home materials. Please sign-up on line at Samoset.org go to upcoming events and click on “BALOO.”

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader!

Register for training and events online at www.samoset.org
The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must be, what he must know, and what he 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.

Questions can be directed to course director Randy Gilray at 715-573-6717 or NYLTsamoset@gmail.com.

Wood Badge - Adult Leader Training  
AUGUST 23-25 & SEPTEMBER 20-22  
Shortly after founding the Scouting movement, Robert Baden Powell quickly understood that if adults truly desired to assist in the development of the youth who joined Scouting, then adult volunteers must also be willing to master the leadership skills necessary to serve those youth. From this simple truth sprung a unique training opportunity found in no other youth-oriented organization: the Wood Badge Adult Leader Training course. Society has undergone rapid change in the 100 years since the first Wood Badge course, but one fact has remained true: Good Scouting depends on good Leadership. Rooted in the traditions of yesterday, focused on the present, yet mindful of the future, Wood Badge welcomes all adult leaders who truly wish to make a positive difference in the life of a Scout.

Spanning six intensely fun days, held over two separate three-day weekends, Wood Badge teaches important leadership skills by immersing participants in a hands-on environment where they will practice practical leadership skills presented by over 20 of the most experienced adult trainers in the Samoset Council.

Cost is $250. For more information, contact the course director: Marsha Salzwedel at 715-305-3978 or marshgords@gmail.com.

University of Scouting  
MARCH 16, 2019  
Our primary focus as Scout Leaders must be to conduct a program that delivers an obvious benefit to the individual Scout! The University of Scouting (UOS) program will provide Scouts and Scouters tools they can use to build a reinforce a top-notch Scouting program.

Over 100 years ago, Lord Baden Powell had a vision of developing a scouting program for youth. He soon learned that if the program was to ever succeed, he would need trained and dedicated adult leaders in the “arts and sciences” of scouting. It’s from that idea that we offer you the “University of Scouting” covering the following areas of study:

- Cub Scout Studies
- Boy Scout Studies
- STEM Scout Studies
- Commissioner Sciences
- Venturing Scout Studies
- General Studies
- Youth Activities

This program is for the entire family. Please join us March 16, 2019 at John Muir Middle School, Wausau, for this exciting program.
The 2018 Royal Popcorn Sale was a tremendous success! Samoset Council Scouts sold more than $1.1 million in popcorn! That is over $800,000 benefitting to packs and troops for annual program activities... Incredible! Popcorn sales provide funding for Scouts to participate in outings and activities throughout the year. Selling popcorn helps teach Scouts the value of hard work and a dollar earned. Earning your way to camp just makes the summer camp experience that much more meaningful to a Scout.

A successful popcorn sale is also vital to operating a premier Scouting council and we could not do it without the combined effort of our Scouts, their families and unit leaders. Thank you to all of the kernels and sellers who made the popcorn sale in Samoset Council so successful!

**Top Selling Units**

Congratulations to Cub Scout Pack 427 for leading the way in the Royal Popcorn Sale, selling $29,575. That is a lot of popcorn! Joining Pack 427 in the top ten are:

1. Pack 110 $24,395.00
2. Pack 118 $23,685.00
3. Pack 296 $22,345.00
4. Pack 458 $22,230.00
5. Pack 297 $21,435.00
6. Pack 174 $21,405.00
7. Pack 171 $21,335.00
8. Pack 400 $19,535.00
9. Pack 438 $19,050.00
10. Pack 427 $18,825.00

**2018 Numbers**

1. 84 of the 123 (68%) units selling hit their Royal Goal!
2. There were 2,050 Scouts selling popcorn ($535 per seller) Avg. way up over prior years!
3. 764 Scouts hit the $550 dollar mark to earn the camp certificate. Up 12% over last year!
4. 238 youth sold $1,000+ in popcorn to earn the unlimited slushy’s. Up 20% over last year!
5. There were 1,300 Scouts who became Royal Knights ($350 sales) Up 6% over last year!
6. 30 sellers over $2,500!

**2018 Top Seller:**

RJ Behrens (for the second year in a row) selling $6,630

**Nintendo Switch Winners:**

Vince Ashbeck- Pack 171
Riely Ott- Troop 439
Conner Mattice- Pack 453

**$500 Unit Winners:**

Pack 453
Pack 388

Samoset Council, Boy Scouts of America
**The Story of Edward Elkon**

**96 Years Young Life Scout of Troop 29**

Edward Elkon is a Life Scout and Order of The Arrow member for Samoset Council. To keep himself sharp, he decided to take a writing course (which he absolutely enjoys). The assignment then was asking what his biggest disappointment in life was. Only 96 years young, he responded with never becoming an Eagle Scout.

“I have had a few disappointments in my lifetime. Sometimes you have to learn a difficult lesson. The difficult lesson in my life was to finish what you start. As young man, I was very active in the Boy Scouts of America. I was a member of Troop 29 in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. We met at the Congregational Church basement, which was formerly across from the library and is now the Clarege Inn. I can even recall some of the guys I was in Scouts with: John Greenwood, Doug Taylor, “8ball” Mueller, John Hansley, Bob Boelter, Bud Johnson, and Scout Master Larson. I enjoyed their company and shared their experience together.

The BSA has always offered a great program for the early and teenage years. I joined when I was 12 years old. I found BSA a thoroughly enjoyable experience. The key to the scouts are the manual. You can go to the bsa summer camp and earn all the key pieces for merit badges, for example; swimming, lifesaving, first-aid, canoeing, fishing, and use of an axe and a knife.

As time went by as did the Eagle Scout. I got in touch with the Boy Scouts office in Wausau, Wisconsin, and was informed that I have outgrown the opportunity to complete the requirements to acquire the merit badge to qualify for the Eagle Scout. However, after speaking with Deanna Pellegrino, I was told Samoset Council still had record of me being selected for the Order of The Arrow. A few days passed and she sent me a copy of my record. This gets very exciting!

July, 08, 1938 I was chosen to be a member of the Order of The Arrow (national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America).

Let me close this with this... Remember whatever you start you in life you have to finish.”

Becoming an Eagle Scout takes perseverance and work. Scouts have to earn all of the ranks in order starting with Cub Scout. Obtaining the rank of Eagle is a difficult task. In fact, only an average of 7% of all Scouts earned their Eagle rank. Since it takes so much work, why do it?

Earning the rank of Eagle Scout will continue to open employment doors throughout a man’s life. It is often the only high school accomplishment that is listed on his resume regardless of his age.

Plus, when a Scout becomes an Eagle Scout, he/she enters into a fellowship, Eagle Scouts united by their commitment to the ideals of Scouting.

Scouts: learn from Edward and keep pushing to obtain Eagle Rank.

“Meeting Edward was absolutely incredible and an honor. The stories he told me about how Scouting impacted him when he was younger and how he still enjoys being recognized as a Scouter for life was remarkable.” -Leanna

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Do you have a great story you’d like to share that is from a Scouter’s point of view? Send it in with pictures to Leanna leanna.holzem@samoset.org

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Where Camping Is King
Hanna Winter Resort

Hanna Winter Resort is designed to provide everything for Scouts BSA to have an amazing winter experience. Scouts will get to enjoy the pristine winter northwoods environment around the Hanna Venture Base and the freedom to do nearly any winter activity they want whenever they want. Registration includes a bunk in one of our many heated cabins, indoor showers and restrooms as well as four meals prepared for them. Between meals campers can use our snowshoes, broomball equipment, ice fishing gear, and use the indoor climbing wall. They can also arrange to build a snow shelter and sleep in it over night. Scouts can choose their own adventure with equipment provided. Hanna Winter Resort has skis, snowshoes, shovels, sleds, fishing gear, board games, and more available for scouts to check out and learn how to use. Get registered for a weekend of fun!

Register online at www.campingisking.com/winter

• Session 1: January 11-13
• Session 2: January 25-27
• Session 3: February 8-10
• Session 4: February 22-24
• Session 5: March 1-3

Summer Camp 2019

2019 Opportunities

Ask any American what they think of when you say — Boy Scouts and the vast majority will mention camping and the outdoors. It is as American as baseball, hotdogs, or apple pie. While the association of Boy Scouts and the fun of outdoor adventure is a natural one, it is perhaps more important to understand that camping experiences provide more than just fun. Summer camp offers Scouts the opportunity to participate in physically and intellectually challenging activities, introduces them to new and rewarding experiences, and provides them with supportive and caring relationships.

Summer Camp Leadership is planning another amazing program at Akela’s World Cub Scout Camp and Tesomas Scout Camp. Talk with your Den Leader, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster or Advisor to inquire when your group is going to camp. It’s an experience you do not want to miss.

Questions can be directed to Samoset Camping at 715-365-3111 or camp@samoset.org

For more information and to register for camping go to www.campingisking.com
2018 JAMBOREE VOLUNTEERS

Wow, What an impact on our Scouts!

1,500 plus attended the 2018 Samoset Jamboree this past October. The weather was cold, but the energy from all the Scouts and activities made it a warm and successful event. The evening show got many of us up and dancing to the music, what a way to end the day.

Special thank you to all the presenters, volunteers, leaders and parents for taking the time to be part of this event. I am also asking all of you to help me recognize the committee of volunteers that over the last eighteen months planned this event and made sure it happened. The best comment I had for the committee was, “It sure turned out better that what we had on paper”.

Thank you all again, and start dreaming for the next jamboree.

- Dan Schmit, Unit Serving Executive

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Why Volunteer?

Boy Scouts of America volunteers play a critical role in helping to deliver Scouting programs that build character, leadership, and integrity in thousands of youth members across the country.

Every Scouting volunteer – from a Cub Scout’s first den leader to the council representative reviewing a Scout at an Eagle Scout board of review – contributes to the overall success of the Scouting program. Volunteers are mentors and teachers who dedicate their free time to building youth into the future leaders of tomorrow.

One of our many dedicated volunteers, Kyle Firnstahl, volunteers with a wonderful purpose. “I volunteer to help the younger generations grow in the knowledge of what scouting is about and all the different ideas and techniques we learn and accomplish throughout the times in scouting.” Kyle, is a Life Scout and has been the Cubmaster of Pack 383 in Colby since 2015.

Express your interest to the unit leaders—the Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, crew Advisor, chartered organization representative, or members of the unit committee. While there’s no guarantee that a specific role or position will be available—and there may be a selection process among several candidates even if the position is currently vacant—there is usually some way in which you can contribute, and most units are glad for any offer of help.
Friday, June 7
Wausau Skeet & Trap Club

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

When you register a head of time, you have the opportunity for choice of morning or afternoon shooting time with your 5-person team! Lunch, ammunition, safety glasses, and ear protection included.

Registration details now available on Samoset.org!

Saturday, April 6 - Saturday, April 13
Food Drive

Each year the Boy Scouts of America partners with local food pantries to provide much needed food to the less fortunate. According to the US Government, nearly 47 million American live in poverty. One in seven households struggle to feed their family. The need has never been greater.

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!
January
14 Textile Merit Badge Clinic
14-15 Samoset Office/Shop Closed - staff devt.
18-20 Polar Cubs
19 The Trainer’s Edge Course
21 MLK Day - Scout Office/Shop Closed
25-26 Crystal Lake Construction Work Weekend
25-27 Hanna Winter Resort
26 Polar Cubs
31 Roundtable: Tomahawk

February
1-3 Samoset Winter Iditarod
Polar Cubs
2 Cub Scout Cub-A-Rama: Stevens Point
UWSP Youth Honor America Game
5 Roundtable: Stevens Point
7 Roundtable: Wisconsin Rapids
Roundtable: Wausau
8-10 Scouts BSA Winter Camporee
Polar Cubs
16 Cub Scout Cub-A-Rama: Merrill
Electricity Merit Badge Clinic
18 President’s Day - Scout Office/Shop Closed
22-24 Hanna Winter Resort
23 Polar Cubs
26 Samoset Recognition Evening
30 Roundtable: Tomahawk

March
1-2 Crystal Lake Construction Work Weekend
1-3 Hanna Winter Resort
5 Roundtable: Stevens Point
7 Roundtable: Wisconsin Rapids
Roundtable: Wausau
8-9 Crystal Lake Construction Work Weekend
9 Pinewood Derby: Marshfield
14 Roundtable: Marshfield
16 University of Scouting
28 Roundtable: Tomahawk

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

Featured Volunteers
Thanks for Your Service to Scouting

Mark Pinkalla was a part of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Varsity Scouts as a youth. Scouting didn’t stop after his youth years. Mark got back into Scouting back in 2011, where he has held multiple positions. The positions he has held ranged from Den Leader to Cub Master. Currently Mark is one of our Assistant Council Commissioner. This Scouting life doesn’t just stop with Mark, his wife and kids are also involved in Scouting. Mark’s two sons are in Boy Scouts, his Daughter is in Girls Scouts, and his wife has volunteered for both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Mark, just like all of the volunteers in our council, believes in the Scouting Program. Mark says “Scouting gives youth a great opportunity to bond with like-minded kids who have fun, learn, and serve other while following the basic shared moral compass of the oath and law”. As Assistant Council Commissioner Mark is striving to make the transition from the old district model to the new model change smoothly. Mark strives for excellency through a great sense of humor. Mark always knows how to put a smile on any one’s face and to make the conversation enjoyable. The drive for mark to be a great leader comes from watching the kids learn the value of community service while enjoying themselves in the process. This is in growing contrast to a ‘me’ generation of kids who seem to care less about others.

“Have FUN in Scouting. When you thoroughly enjoy what you are doing, things like service to your community and rank advancement will fall into line.” Also, some advice to Adult Volunteers from Mark, “MAKE SURE IT IS FUN! The fastest way to drive scouts away from the program is to be pushy about advancement, and to spend all your meetings sitting in chairs talking. If the kids in your unit don’t LOVE coming to meetings, you don’t need to reinvent the wheel! There are tons of resources and people right here in our council who would be happy to help you. Simply ask people such as your predecessor, unit ambassador, commissioner, or unit serving executive. Helping leaders is what they exist for.”
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.