BSA UNVEILS NAME OF PROGRAM FOR OLDER BOYS AND GIRLS

Scouts BSA builds on the legacy of the Scout name. There’s a Scout salute, a Scout rank, a Scout Oath and a Scout Law. The word “Scout” carries with it more than 108 years of character-building tradition, and the young men and young women of Scouts BSA will carry that tradition forward.

“As we enter a new era for our organization, it is important that all youth can see themselves in Scouting in every way possible,” says BSA Chief Scout Executive Michael Surbaugh. “That is why it is important that the name for our iconic Scouting program for older youth remain consistent with the single-name approach used for the Cub Scouts.”

Beginning during the scheduled launch of Feb. 1, 2019, girls can join all-girl troops. Boys can continue to join all-boy troops. Scouts BSA will not have any mixed-gender, or coed, troops.

This is an exciting time for the BSA, and the Scouts BSA name is the perfect representation of this new, welcoming program for older youth.

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. (Scout Oath)

A scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent. (Scout Law)

"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." (BSA mission statement)

These are the base of the Scouting Program. It is to prepare people for life, not just boys. The BSA is closest in comparison to all other scouting programs in other countries. Except in other countries they’re already co-ed, so it makes sense, and is great progress, that they would open the program to all. How can this action hinder anyone? It only opens the program to more people, it isn’t closing any doors.

It's hard to see fellow Eagle Scouts be so opposed to this, wanting to turn in their badges and such. If you truly are an Eagle Scout how could you be so against allowing more people to learn what we have? More people living the Scout Oath and Law throughout their everyday lives is exactly what we need. More good, moral people.
The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the outdoors rather than the indoors. It was born in an island wilderness. It needs the sun and rain, the woods and the plains, the waters and the starlit sky. - E. Urner Goodman

The National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held July 30---August 4, on the campus of the University of Indiana in Bloomington, Indiana. Approximately 8,000 Arrowmen from around the world will gather for a week of training, compelling presenters, competition in various lodge games, American Indian Activities and lively arena shows. The week includes special guests, patch trading, OA museum, region meetings, learning new skills, ceremonies competition, Goodman games, Founders Day Fair, Indian dancing, Awards and memories that will last a lifetime.

This year’s theme is: DECIDE YOUR DESTINY.

The slogan for the conference will be “Today’s decisions shape tomorrows reality”

Registrations are still open for youth members to be a part of this historic and exciting event. The lodge needs your name and a $100.00 deposit to be a part of this year’s contingent. The cost for NOAC is $525.00 plus $75.00 to cover transportation etc.

Please contact as soon as possible. Mr. Alan Abrahamson Sr. - shadow702@frontier.com

Alan Abrahamson Sr. and Jack Robinson will be taking our contingent to the 2018 NOAC celebration. They have all details on the schedules for the conference.
UPCOMING TRAININGS

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER

INTRODUCTION OF OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (O.L.S.) Class for Webelos II Danbe: Two training programs for Outdoor Leaders and Venturers Leaders. There are 80th anniversaries of these classes training all outdoors. Prepared to help you obtain basic camping skills through the course. It will be offered Fall 2020 in specific locations. Please contact your local council for additional information.

B.A.L.O.O.
Basic Adult Leader Orientation
Training for the Cub Scout Program
For all those starting out in Scouting.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AS WELL!

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November 3, 2018
7:00 AM – 9:30 AM
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UPCOMING COUNCIL FUNDRAISERS

If you can see it, you can be it!

National Youth Leadership Training 2018

To Scoutmasters and Crew Advisors in Gateway Area Council:

When: June 10-16, 2018
Where: Camp Decatur

When: Registered Scouts who have obtained First Class rank, and are 13 years old by June 18, 2018, have completed First Class camping skills, and are ready to leave home for a week and engage with the course. Complete of Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILT) and a Scoutmaster permission/endorsement is required. Registered Venturers: Completion of Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILC); within the Crew as strongly recommended. Crew Advisor permission/endorsement required. Female Venturers are welcome (at least one female staff will be present at all times and she will be responsible for female participants). Staff from out of council are welcomed.

National Youth Leadership Training is the precursor of Boy Scout training for youth. Every Troop and Crew advisor receives a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) curriculum and a guide for their council to implement. The STEM curriculum promotes the exploration of a wide range of a young person’s personal and professional development. The N.Y.L.T. will be held at a staff member's location in a convenient area for the majority of attendees. The goal of the program is to prepare youth leaders for the upcoming season. The STEM curriculum promotes the exploration of a wide range of a young person’s personal and professional development. The N.Y.L.T. will be held at a staff member's location in a convenient area for the majority of attendees. The goal of the program is to prepare youth leaders for the upcoming season.

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Two Scouts from Troop 7 in Sparta Wisconsin were selected as among 14 high school male semi-finalists in the National Association of Teachers in Singing competition. Ethan Nott, a junior at Aquinas High School, and Nathan Janzen, a recent graduate at Sparta High School, competed against singers from across the nation and all 10 provinces in Canada. All competitors were judged on three classical vocal performances of their choice. As semi-finalists, Ethan and Nathan will compete in the finals to be held in Las Vegas in late June. Ethan is a Life Scout and Nathan is an Eagle Scout. This is Nathan’s second straight year as a semi-finalist in this competition.
SCOUT SHOP
Open Tuesday through Friday 8:30—6:00

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Winding Trail District Executive
Alan “Jimmy” Abrahamson fights
crime in his spare time as a
Galactic Empire Storm Trooper

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