



Your Pack, Troop, Ship, Crew or Post is invited to the Baden-Powell Council's Panjandrum All-Program Scout Show!

WHAT IS THE PANJANDRUM ALL-PROGRAM SCOUT SHOW? It is an exhibition of Scouting in Action at all age levels, from the youngest Lion Cubs through Scouts BSA to the oldest Sea Scout, Venturer or Explorer.

We're hoping that nearly every unit in the Baden-Powell Council will set up a display highlighting what the unit has been doing - or what it hopes to do, or what its members are interested in doing - to share with the others in our Scouting community, and maybe with the larger community as well.

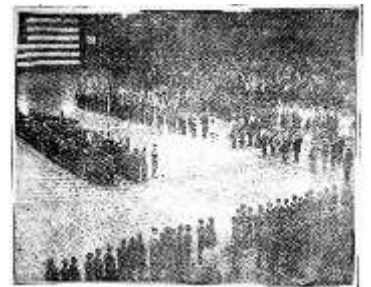
We will also have displays from council- and district-level committees and others, showing off the Scouting opportunities in our area and beyond.

WHERE WILL THE SHOW BE HELD? The show will be at the Glen Aubrey Fire Company #2, 1108 Nanticoke Rd., Lisle NY 13797.

WHEN WILL THE SHOW BE HELD? February 7, 2026, on Scouting America's Anniversary Weekend, from 10:00AM to 3:30PM. The doors will open at 8:00AM for setup, and units should have their displays ready by 10:00AM. Attendees and the public can enter at 10:00AM. Units can take down and remove their displays after 3:30PM.

WHY SHOULD MY UNIT PARTICIPATE IN THE SHOW? First off, because it will be fun and instructive for your members (and leaders, too), in a time of year when the weather's not really great for outdoor activities. Use this show to give your youth members an interesting and exciting thing to do in mid-Winter. Second, it's a chance to recruit new members - invite everyone you know to come and see Scouting at its best and maybe to join your unit.

SO, WHY IS IT A "PANJANDRUM"? - our show is named after the 1947 "Grand Panjandrum" which was held by the Louis Agassiz Fuertes Council at Barton Hall in Ithaca. In 1947, the world had just emerged from World War Two, and Scouting was rebuilding after the tough times and problems of the War Years. The LAF Council decided to have a great Scout Show to show what Scouting was all about, and to kick-start the future growth of the BSA. Every single Cub Pack, Scout Troop and Sea Scout Ship in the council took part in the Panjandrum, and more than 2,500 people attended the evening show. The war is long past, now, but we're emerging from a global pandemic and other troubling times - isn't it time for a new Panjandrum to kick-start a new period of growth? We thought so... but if the name is confusing, just call it a "Scout Show".



HOW DOES MY PACK, TROOP, SHIP, CREW OR POST TAKE PART IN THE SCOUT SHOW?

- a. By signing up right now to participate - As soon as possible every unit should choose the display subject they would like to present. Discuss the subjects with your whole Pack, Troop or older-youth Unit. In Packs, Den Leaders would be consulted. Scout troop leaders, be sure to include your Patrol/Troop Leaders' Council in your discussion.

We really need commitments by January 10, 2026 so that we'll have everything there ready for your unit. If you don't let us know you're coming until after that, we might not have time to get you what you need. A fillable-PDF form can be downloaded at <https://tinyurl.com/5hea2kkb> or use the QR code to the right. Fill it in, save it, and e-mail it to panjandrum@TCScouts.org - or, if you'd rather, just send an e-mail to that address letting us know you'll be there, and what your choice of display will be.



- b. By putting on a display on February 7th. We will have standard-sized folding tables there for the units to use. Feel free to bring your own table if you'd rather do that. Each unit will get one table by default - if you need two, be sure to let us know in advance. Also, if you'll need electricity, be sure to let us know that, too, so we can locate your unit near an outlet.
- c. By getting your members to attend the show. It's not a large time commitment. As long as your display is attended throughout the show, your members can come for as long as they like, so you don't need to have all of your members there for the whole day. If it helps get your members there, everyone who attends will get a free patch, too (to be sent out after the show).



DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS FOR A DISPLAY OUR UNIT MIGHT WANT TO DO? Funny you should ask... I've attached a list of booths which were presented by units at Scout Shows in the past, from 1948 to 1983. There are separate listings for Cub Packs and Scout Troops, but of course, you should feel free to come up with your own ideas. Remember your booth should be a live demonstration and not just a dull, dead booth. ACTION IS THE KEYWORD - show, don't tell.

If you'd like to look at pictures from past Scout Shows to get some ideas, we have a web page with pictures from 1960 and 1961 shows - <https://www.tcscouts.org/SoR1961/index.htm>

ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON WHAT SORT OF DISPLAY WE CAN DO? Obviously, the Guide to Safe Scouting always applies to any Scout activity, and the display should conform to Scouting's culture and ethics. Avoid politics and keep the presentation age-appropriate. Beyond that, the Show is indoors, so you can't build actual fires or do anything which would present a fire or safety hazard inside a building.

We hope to see you at the Panjandrum Scout Show!

If you have any questions, feel free to ask - panjandrum@TCScouts.org

