

Time for Scouting Scouter Virtual Conference March 9, 2024

Cub Scouts

[New Cub Scout Program Changes](#) – On June 1st BSA will be implementing new changes to the Cub Scouting program. This will inform Scouters of what they can plan for regarding the Bobcat badge, Cub Scout Adventures, Webelos, and Cub Scout Awards.

[Cub Scouts for Beginners](#) – Developing a firm foundation for Cub Scouting will launch you into success. Learn from seasoned Scouters how to run a successful program. This includes lessons learned, tips, and suggestions from leader recruitment, registrations, and advancements.

[Building the Program](#) – Thinking about or just starting a Pack? You can learn how to develop your program by taking quality measures in finding parent support and seeing your numbers grow, while Cubs seamlessly learn valuable skills. Touching on elements such as annual planning conference, budgeting, identifying key essential leadership roles, and promoting training to achieve the Journey to Excellence.

[Mentoring Parents, Leaders, and Cubs](#) – Knowing where the resources are to help you set your leaders, parents, and Cubs for success. Q&A discussion ranging from tips for communications to, most common questions and concerns.

[Summer Scouting for Cub Scouts](#) – Want to stay “scouting involved” over the summer? There are many exciting opportunities to get Cubs outdoors and make learning fun. Learn about camps for Cubs in the Transatlantic Council.

[Day Camps](#) – Here you will learn about opportunities for Cubs to work on rank advancement or what it takes to host your camp! Attendance at Day Camp helps fulfill the requirements for the Summertime Pack Award and the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. This can also serve as an excellent volunteer recruiting opportunity.

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[Adults Leading Scout-led](#) – How to effectively empower youth to develop their scouting and leadership skills. Providing adults, the key components to establish a framework to function optimally as a Scout-led troop.

[Planning for AOL to Scout Crossover](#) – Understanding the difference between Arrow of Light and Crossover. Share ideas to reflect the significance of the memorable Crossover of Cubs to Scouts event.

[Camping Do's and Don'ts](#) – Are you a new leader or been around a while? This is a great discussion about the Patrol Method and key elements to foster servant leaders. Participate in a discussion on the Outdoor Ethics Code and Leave No Trace training opportunities.

[Camping and Camps](#) – BSA is committed to the benefits of organized camping. It is a creative, educational experience in cooperative groups living outdoors. It uses the natural surroundings to contribute significantly to physical, mental, spiritual, and social growth. Learn about long-term and short-term camps and how they are counted toward advancement and merit badges. Additionally, a dive into BSA's Outdoor Programs Guide.

[Life- to- Eagle](#) – Does your Troop have Eagles coming up? Parents and Scouts asking questions on how it works, where to begin, and the timeline of events. Trained BSA staff are here to guide your volunteers in how to successfully support your youth in achieving this monumental Scouting milestone.

[Scoutmastership](#) – Is your Troop working on succession planning or already a Scoutmaster interested in developing their Scouter youth leadership? This session will provide fundamentals of executing a quality outdoor program through skill and administration. Opportunity for discussion on how to best model what it means to “Be Prepared” and support Scouts on resident campouts and high adventure activities.

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BSA Administration

[Scoutbook](#) – Take advantage of the opportunity to learn how to navigate Scoutbook efficiently and accurately. Have your burning questions and challenges addressed as you track youth progress. Develop an understanding of how this go-to tool works cohesively with Internet Advancement and my.scouting.

[Unit Deposit Accounts](#) – Have you heard the acronym UDA thrown around in a Roundtable and unsure of what its purpose is and how it functions? You will learn about areas within TAC that allow you to receive deposits, pay for orders through Program Supply, and how you modify account settings.

[My.Scouting](#) – my.scouting is the BSA portal for all of your online training needs. You can update personal information, run unit reports, and more! Come to this session to learn how to ensure your unit is on track to meet its Journey to Excellence goals, ensure you have required positions filled, and remind your leaders of their expiring Youth Protection Training.

[Leveraging Social Media](#) –Not a tech whiz? That is okay, BSA has made it easy for you! With their amazing BSA Branding Center they are providing you a leg up to getting your social media pages started with BSA stock marketing tools to recruit for your unit. Here you will learn about ways to effectively communicate with your unit and community about events being held. Additionally, how to follow BSA guidelines regarding youth photos and use of BSA materials.

[BSA Position Training](#) – As we all strive to run a program of excellence it starts with getting your leaders trained. How do we motivate the busy working parent who devotes their free time to Scouting? Having parents interested in volunteering take training prior can also be a useful recruiting tool to gain their confidence in what the expectations are. Jump into this session to learn how and why you should devote a leader to tracking positional training.

[Structure of Scouting and Significance of the Charter Organization](#) – The big picture of your local unit starts with your Charter Organization and how an agreement is vital to the success of your

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program. This key partnership can be mutually beneficial if fully understood. Learn about ways you can further develop relations with the organization. Discover resources to help your Charter Organization Representative (COR) foster communication about shared expectations, and achievement of goals.

Awards

[Peace Awards](#) – Do your leaders and Scouts know about the Messengers of Peace Award? Want to learn more about how to make the most of your time here at the Transatlantic Council? It is the perfect opportunity to share the word, build interest, and plan to complete it as a unit.

[Religious Awards](#) – Did you know Scouts can earn a religious emblem pertaining to the denomination of their choice? Some may even apply to you as a Scouter! Sit in with us as we share how to help your Scout uphold the Scout-like characteristic of Reverence and Duty to God. This award encourages youth to be faithful in their religious duties while supporting others in their personal faith journey. You will learn how to obtain the religious organizations' curriculum. Scouts and most Scouters will be able to wear their emblem on their official uniform.

[Conservation Awards](#) – Looking to offer an opportunity for adults and youth to get involved with local conservation efforts to do a Good Turn Daily? Meet with like-minded minds to brainstorm ideas and discover helpful resources to improve the quality of life in your community.

[STEM / NOVA Awards](#) – Budding scientists in the Troop looking for a fun learning challenge. Seek no more, TAC has staff on hand wanting to share with you how to implement the NOVA Awards Program. Merging science and technological innovation to quench a scout's thirst for curiosity and wonder. This session will develop your understanding of how skills like archery and welding can foster STEM education through mentoring and learning modules.

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[Sustainability](#) – How is TAC taking action to support global sustainability daily in their outdoor program? Leaders can learn about Leave No Trace Training and emphasize through Scouting with the Sustainability or Environmental Science merit badges towards their Eagle achievement goals. Understanding how the decisions of today have a profound impact on generations can have to come.

[Adaptive Sports for Special Needs-](#)

Are your Scouts with special needs interested in adaptive shooting sports like archery and rifle shooting, seated volleyball, adoptive scuba, cycling? There are ways to be inclusive of all Scouts when it comes to sports. Become more informed on how your Scouting community can provide Scouting for All through inclusivity. This session will extend beyond physical abilities and include approaches for Scouts with behavioral health issues. From scouts on the spectrum to ADHA, teaching & coaching these scouts takes a different approach. We need to be able to provide adaptive sports for all scouts.

[Special Interests](#)

[Venturing / Sea Scouts / High Adventure Patrols](#) – Ready for more Scouting? Learn about Scouts taking an extra step into scouting excitement and adventure. Scouts ages 14-20 have the opportunity to join a co-ed unit with Sea Scouts or Venturing Crew. Are you curious about cool spots to take your High Adventuring Scouts? You might even pick up a few tips and tricks to share with your Patrols!

[Inclusivity](#) – As a Scouter parent learn strategies to safely foster achievement. Identify how to secure accommodations as needed for Scouts. Hear in what ways Scouters have overcome challenging scenarios to help minority Scouts successfully progress in their Scouting Journey.

[Reverent for Religious Faiths](#) – Discuss ways to support a Scout's Duty to God. Encouraging respect for other faiths and cultivating active participation in a diverse community of Scouts.

[TAC Resident Camps](#) – Learn about all the great up-and-coming camps and how to best “Be Prepared.” Hear from Normandy Camporee Scouters in France. The 2024 year brings Camp Alpine in Switzerland, Camp Avantura in Croatia, and Camp Kenya.

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[Wood Badge / NYLT](#) – Camp Freedom in Oberdachstetten, Germany offers dual camping opportunities for Scouters and Scouts alike. Do you have budding youth and adult leaders itching to learn more and develop their leadership skills? Learn more about the process of achieving Wood Badge as a Scouter.

[TAC Game Plan 75 + 75 Updates](#) – What has been happening the last year to live out “Unparalleled Scouting.” TAC identified 5 key Aims: Geography, Inclusivity, Sustainability, Normandy, and Generosity. Learn more about the specific targets TAC is focusing on as they trek through to reach their 75th-anniversary summit!