

NATCHEZ TRACE COUNCIL

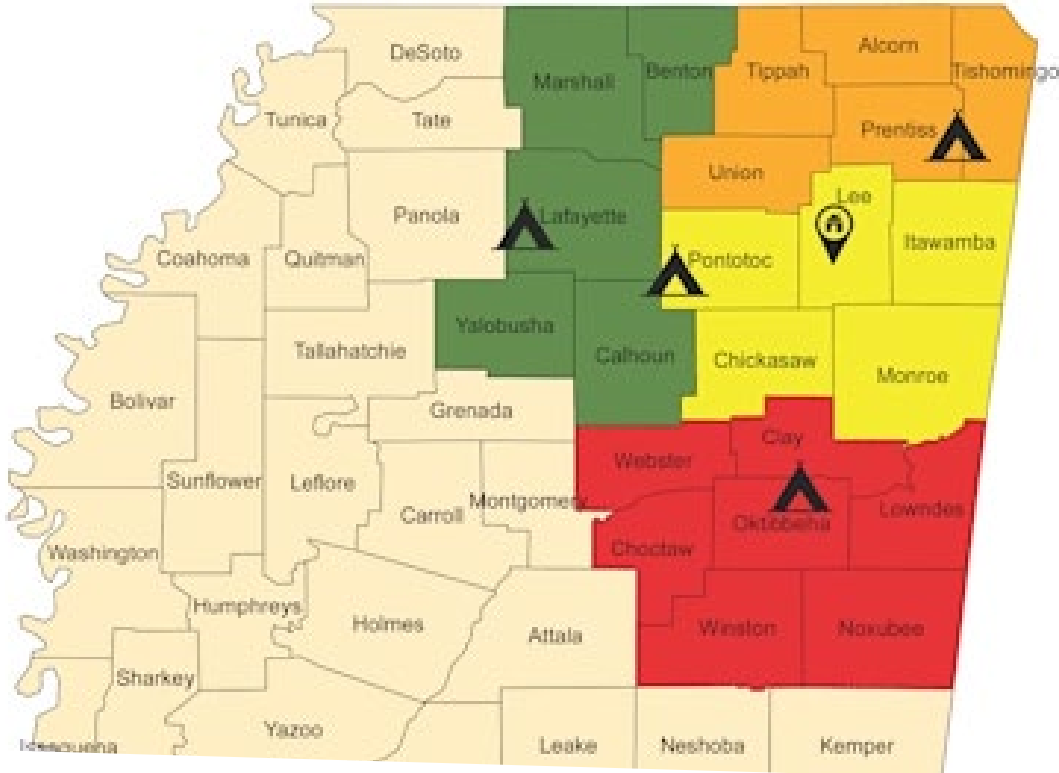
2025 UNIT PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
NATCHEZ TRACE COUNCIL

About the Natchez Trace Council

The Natchez Trace Council serves the 22 counties of Northeast Mississippi. In April 2022 the Pushmataha Area Council (1925) and Yocona Area Council (1926) merged to better serve the youth and families in Northeast Mississippi. The council headquarters office is located in Tupelo, Mississippi and operates four camping properties across the council. The Apilachi District, serves Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties. Chicksa District serves Benton, Calhoun, Lafayette, Marshall and Yalobusha counties. Jacinto District serves Alcorn, Prentiss, Tippah, Union and Yalobusha counties and the Pushmataha District serves Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Webster and Winston counties.



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Annual Program & Funding Planning for Units

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what keeps Scouts in the program. They like to have fun, do challenging activities, earn merit badges, go places, and learn new things. That is what we call program, and it doesn't just happen by chance. It takes planning and preparation. This all starts with your unit's annual program planning conference which is a set of meetings, held in May or June, when the unit schedules the key activities and events they want to do for the next year, along with creating a plan for how they will pay for these activities. What this looks like is slightly different from unit to unit, but the core elements of the plan will be the same.

Parents always want to know the answer to two questions: *What are we going to do, and how much is it going to cost?*

Strong units have an annual plan with associated funding plan that can easily be shared with their Scouting families. The following items will help guide your unit.

This Guidebook is another tool in your toolbox!

The first pages of this guidebook provide training, program opportunities, and best practices. The calendar pages (blue) are left blank by design to allow you to fill in the dates, events, and activities that are specific to your unit's plans.

The page to the right of the calendar have three sections. The top section (red) shows Council events and programs. The middle section (green) shows District events and programs. The bottom section (navy) shows typical events or activities that a unit may plan during that month.

Use the map on the inside cover to identify your District. Your unit is welcome to participate in events, programs, and trainings being held in other districts.

We have added program labels to help you identify events based on program type.



Cub Scouts Event



Venturing Event



Scouts BSA Event



Sea Scout Event

January 2025						
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Council Events

District Events

Recommended Unit Activities



Program Planning Conference- Steps for Success

The program planning conference is a unit meeting to plan and schedule your next year of program along with creating the plan to pay for these activities. Start the meeting by outlining the importance of having a strong annual plan and state any rules you will follow during the meeting. While this meeting is similar for all units, please remember that in Troops and Crews the youth are the ones who should be leading this meeting. Training videos are available in my.scouting.org.

PRE-WORK

Before the scheduled face-to-face conference, the committee chair and unit leaders gather the following information:

- Key school and community event dates
- District and Council dates (pages 16-39)
- Personal dates that may affect your unit's activities
- Important chartered organization dates
- Last year's unit annual plan (if you have one)
- Unit priorities and goals (JTE)

To maximize the efficiency of your planning, the following people should attend the conference:

- Chartered Organization Representative
- All unit committee members & unit leaders
- Your unit commissioner (optional)
- Anyone else you think might be helpful
- For Troops & Crews: Youth Leadership

Step 1- COLLECT

Take the dates you collected prior to the meeting and put them into your master calendar- including meeting dates- either on a hard copy or by plugging the information into an electronic calendar on a computer.

Step 2- REVIEW

Review what the unit did last year. Ask questions like, what events went well, what events didn't go well? Did we earn the National Summertime Award? The Journey to Excellence Award? How did we do with weekly attendance? Did we participate in day camp, summer camp, or high adventure? Did we sell popcorn and camp cards? Feel free to ask as many questions as you want, but do not spend too much time on this, as the key issue is planning the upcoming year. Just use this research to help guide what you might want to keep, replace, or improve.

Step 3- BRAINSTORM

Brainstorm activities your unit might want to do in addition to weekly meetings. Include things such as: Blue and Gold Banquet, Courts of Honor, Pinewood Derby, Scouting for Food, Weekend Campouts, community service activities, youth recruitment events, District Events, Council Events, etc. Remember the brainstorming rule, which is anybody can suggest anything without critique or criticism. Feedback and analysis come later, after all the ideas have been captured. Once you have a list of things your unit might want to do, start prioritizing the list. Take a vote(s) on which activities to include on the schedule, then add the activities to your calendar.

Step 4- ASSIGNMENTS

After the dates have been placed into the calendar, the next step is to assign the person who will be responsible for each event (if possible).



Step 5- FINANCE & FUNDING

There are a variety of expenses related to your unit's annual plan. These costs need to be estimated with a plan to fund them. Expenses can be broken into 2 categories, and it is important that the finance plan provides a way to fund both.

Unit Expenses: These are expenses that the unit typically pays for such as purchasing advancements, unit gear, pinewood derby cars, etc.

Family Expenses: These are expenses that the family typically bears the cost of such as Summer Camp, Cub Haunted, uniforms, or weekend campouts, etc.

Your unit's funding plan should be simple, easy to explain, and state the expectations of each Scout/ family. It should fund the unit expenses AND offer a way for families to subsidize their Scouting journey. Consider a plan that gives families options. We also highly encourage the use of the Payment Log Function located in Scoutbook, also referred to as Scout Accounts.

Examples of Good Finance Plans:

- Our Pack charges dues of \$225 which covers all Pack activities for the year. These dues are paid in mid-November as part of the re-charter process. Families participate in our Popcorn Sale from August to October. From the commission earned, our Pack keeps just 20% and 80% goes into the Scout's account in Scoutbook. The family can use these funds for anything Scouting related including paying the \$225 Pack dues, registration fees for events like Cub Haunted, or purchasing their uniform.
- Our Troop sells Christmas trees. Scouts work 3 shifts, but can work more if available. Our Troop keeps about 30% of the commission to cover unit expenses. Based on the number of shifts they work, the rest goes into the Scout's Account in Scoutbook. Scouts can use these funds to pay for anything Scouting related including uniforms, weekend campouts, Summer Camp, or NYLT. We also encourage our Scouts to participate in the Council Popcorn and Camp Card sale as a way to fund their Scout Adventures.

In both examples, the families are incentivized to participate in the fundraiser, and families that would rather just pay out of pocket are given that option. Using Scout Accounts in Scoutbook is extremely helpful in ensuring that all families pay their own way and help the unit stay financially viable. Please see the BSA Fiscal Policies and Procedures for BSA Units for more information on Scout Accounts.

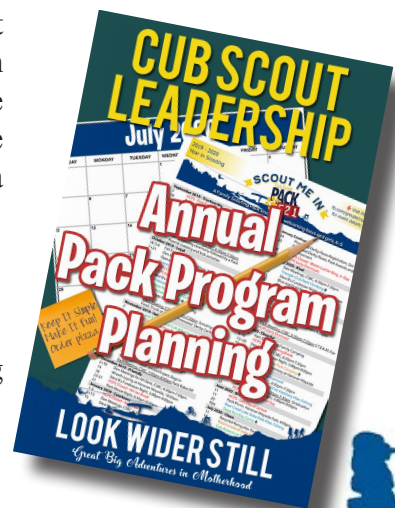
Step 6- PUBLISH YOUR PLAN

Review your plan to ensure you have captured everything your unit wants to do in the upcoming year. Include your unit's funding plan with the expectations of each Scout/family. Publish your plan and distribute to each family. Sharing the annual plan with your families could be the most important step in retaining your Scouts and building tenure. Create a printable flyer that can be given to new and prospective families.

Annual program planning is an ongoing process.

Review the plan regularly to make sure you are still on track

Additional resources including examples can be found at www.scouting.org



Unit Resources



my.scouting.org

My.scouting.org is a portal for adults and leaders providing access to their account data, online training, and more. It is run separately by the national Boy Scouts of America organization, and not by our local council.

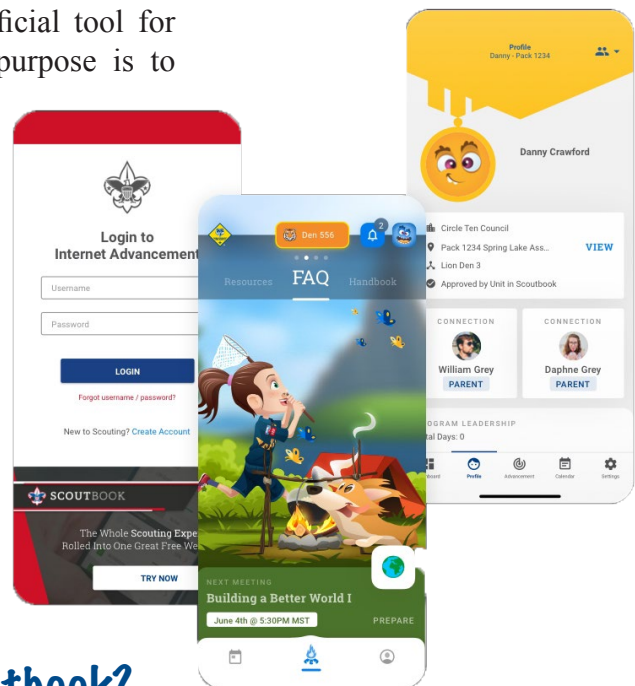
Through my.scouting.org members of the Unit Key 3 can:

- Update your unit's beascout.org pin
- Accept online and transfer applications for youth and adults
- Change the position roles of your registered adult leaders

Scoutbook

Scoutbook is the Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) free official tool for advancement records-keeping and reporting. Its primary purpose is to help Scouts, parents, and registered leaders track and report advancement records. It can also help Scout units track who needs to take or retake Youth Protection Training, plan events, and send messages to their members.

- Tracks advancement
- Activity, service, & camping logs
- Quick POs for Scout Shop advancement purchases
- Unit calendar with event sign-up tool
- Email & texting tool
- **Payment log (Scout accounts)**
- Merit badges & counselors
- Unit roster with Scout and leader contact information
- Manage your dens, patrols, & youth leadership roles
- This is the BSA's database.



Who uses Scoutbook?

- Adults (leaders) – BSA creates your account when you join; an adult volunteer designated as a Scout unit's Scoutbook Administrator can also create an adult's account. This Administrator has the ability to choose which adults can be connected to your Scout unit.
- Adults (parents) – Parents use their adult account to control who can access their Scout's account. A unit's Administrator controls which adult accounts are connected to their unit.
- Youth account – Scouts can't get an account until their parent "invites" them to join. Once a Scout has an account, they can track their advancement progress just like they would if they had adults "sign off" on requirements in their handbook.

www.Scoutbook.com



Scouting America Program Opportunities



Cub Scouting

The Cub Scouts are one of the BSA's premier programs, offering citizenship, character, personal fitness, and leadership for youth in grades K to 5. We're all about encouraging boys and girls to make friends, be helpful to others, and do their very best no matter the outcome. With the help of powerful learning projects and exciting outdoor activities, we aim to teach children that doing their best can be a fun and rewarding experience—no matter the difficulty of the challenge. In Cub Scouts, there are opportunities to spend time as a family and to do things that help build upon the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Scouts BSA

Scouts BSA is the traditional Scouting experience where boys and girls can have their share of adventure in the great outdoors. Develop a love of service by volunteering in your community, boost their leadership skills through fun and exciting challenges, and create memories of a lifetime with no prior Scouting experience required! For over 100 years, this flagship program has helped create generations of leaders and outstanding citizens by allowing boys and girls to explore their interests, serve their communities, and discover their talents through youth-led activities like hiking, camping, and volunteering!



Venturing

Venturing is a youth-led program that was created in 1998 for 14-20 year olds all about building adventures with their friends. Venturers choose to do activities that cater to the interests of the crew and individual and develop essential skills like leadership, event-planning, organization, communication, and responsibility while having a blast! Venturing empowers crew members to create their own experiences while bringing Scouting values to life through high adventure outdoor activities and challenging real-world projects.

Sea Scouting

Sea Scouts is a program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women ages 14 (or 13 and have completed the eighth grade) through 20. Sea Scout units—called ships—are established all across the country on oceans, bays, rivers, and lakes. As a high adventure maritime program, most ships engage in several on the water activities, such as sailing trips, scuba dives, paddling, power boating, and other activities. Ships also have to work on maintaining their boats and equipment. They provide limitless opportunities and exciting challenges that you won't find anywhere else. Sea Scouts is a place to grow and learn, find adventure, and build long lasting friendships.



Council & District Camping Events

Council Camporee

The council camporee will be held April 4th thru 6th at Wall Doxey State Park. On Saturday morning, we will travel to Holly Springs, about ten minutes away. The Holly Springs Garden Club has provided us with special programs during their annual Pilgrimage event. That morning we will have a guided tour of historic Hillcrest Cemetery, a tour of an antebellum home, and other sites of historical interest. We will conclude the morning with a sack lunch provided by the Garden Club on the grounds of Montrose, a historic property they own. In the afternoon, we will have tours of archaeological sites that are being researched by Behind The Big House. The Behind the Big House program in Holly Springs, Mississippi interprets the lives of enslaved persons through the structures in which they lived and worked.

More information will be forthcoming and questions regarding the event can be asked to Trey Wright at creekmorewright@gmail.com.



Cub Scout Day Camp

Chock-full of adventures, attend Day Camp! BB guns & Archery, STEM & Scout Crafts, Field Sports, Nature hikes and much more! Scouts will complete program adventures and work on advancement!

District Fishing Derbys

Attention all Cub Scouts and Families! Join us for fishing, fun, prizes, and a patch! Don't know how to fish? That's ok! We'll teach you! Poles, bait, and other fishing supplies will be furnished, or bring your own. Prizes for the Biggest Fish, Smallest Fish, & Ugliest Fish!



Cub Scout Resident Camp

Cub Camp is a 4-day 3-night overnight camping experience for our Tigers, Wolves, and Bears! Held at both Camp Yocona and Seminole, Scouts will participate in thrilling and adventurous activities including shooting sports, swimming, boating, waterslides, fishing, hiking, scout skills, and much more! The fun doesn't stop when the sun goes down. Evening programs, activities, campfires, and more! Meals are served in the Dining Hall 3 times a day with plenty of delicious options. Attend cub camp and make memories that will last a lifetime!



Council Spook-O-Ree

There's tons to do at the Spook-O-Ree! As a family event, every activity is designed to involve the whole family. The overnight event is packed with fun and games, and with so much to do, you might have a hard time fitting it all in. Most activities are great for every age, but some are designed for older kids looking for a little fright. One thing is for certain - there's something for everyone at the Spook-O-Ree!



Unit/Council Fundraising

Popcorn Fundraiser

Our Council's annual Scout popcorn sale is a turn-key fundraiser that provides our units with the funding they need to deliver an amazing Scouting Program! We do the work on the back-end so that you don't have to and we are excited to offer this as a fundraiser to our units each year.

The popcorn sale is our biggest unit fundraiser of the year, and selling has many benefits. Fundraising teaches Scouts many essential life skills such as goal setting, salesmanship, communication, teamwork, time management, and countless others. It is an excellent opportunity for learning and helps deliver the Scouting program to Scouts across our council by providing camperships, membership fees, uniforms, and other essential items. Many of our units can fund their entire Scouting year with this one sale! This includes paying for things such as summer camp, advancements, and membership costs.



Camp Card Program

Camp cards are discount cards sold by Scouts in their districts to raise money for themselves to go to Summer Camp. Units earn a 50% commission on all cards sold. For more information, contact your District Executive.

Position Specific Training for Unit Volunteers

BALOO Training

BALOO stands for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation. It's the introductory training Cub Scout leaders should complete before taking Cub Scouts on an overnight camping trip. Who should take BALOO? The BSA requires that you have at least one BALOO-trained adult on every Cub Scout den or pack overnight outdoor event. That include pack camping and Webelos den overnights. A BALOO-trained leader should be at any overnighter regardless of whether it is a pack, district or council event. Having at least one BALOO-trained adult will make your Cub Scouts' camping experience as awesome as it can be.



IOLS Training

The (IOLS) course builds and expands on the concepts and themes introduced in Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training and provides Scouters with the confidence to take youth into the outdoors. Specifically, this hands-on program gives adult leaders a practical introduction to the patrol method of a boy-led troop by teaching many of the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. This course will give you the skills needed to take your Scout Troop camping. Sessions will include: Knots & Ropes, Wood tools, Fire Building, First-Aid and more!



Council Camping Opportunities

CAMP YOCONA- RANDOLPH, MS

Located between the whispering pines and rolling hills of Northeast Mississippi, lies one of Scouting's greatest treasures, Camp Yocona. Located in Randolph, Mississippi, less than 40 minutes from Tupelo and 90 minutes from Starkville or Memphis, Camp Yocona has been providing adventures and scouting experiences to Scouts from all walks of life since 1947.

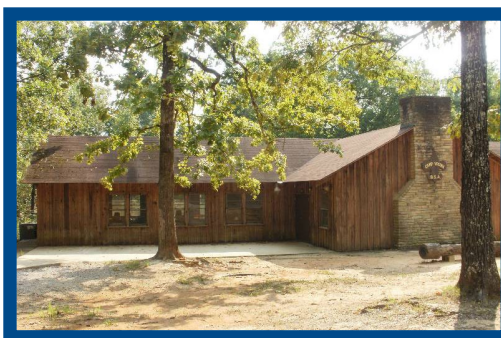
Camp Yocona provides a fantastic camping experience for every Scout. The camp is open year round to Scout groups, other non-profit organizations, and corporations. With some of the nicest camping and conference facilities in the area Yocona is a great place for your next campout or retreat. The year-round available camping facilities include: Air Conditioned Dining Hall, Conference Center, Administration Building, Health Lodge, 4 air conditioned Staff Cabins with restroom facilities, 8 campsites with 8-person cabins and Shower Houses, 2 Primitive Campsites, 2 Large Pavilions, COPE Course, Waterfront with swimming docks and boating, and Shooting Sports facilities.



SUMMER CAMP 2025

A week at Summer Camp is a unique experience. No Scout forgets their experiences at Summer Camp. A Unit cannot duplicate the program, facilities, and equipment that Camp Yocona has to offer. Our camp provides a variety of programs, cabins for youth and adults to stay in, a fully stocked trading post, showers and restrooms, and other facilities that match your Unit's needs and desires. Program areas include:

- Ecology
- Handicraft
- Life Skills
- Polaris First Year Camper Program
- Range and Target Activities
- Delta Discovery
- Outdoor Skills
- STEM
- Waterfront



CAMP SEMINOLE- STARKVILLE, MS



Located 10 minutes north of Starkville, MS, Camp Seminole is a 288 acre year-round resident camping facility offering tent and limited cabin camping, developed program facilities, dining hall, shelters, fishing/boating lake, shooting ranges and more. Camp Seminole was built on 285 acres (1.15 km²) of land purchased by the Pushmataha Area Council in 1982. The need for building the camp came about when the lease on the previous council camp (Camp Palila) expired, and the Mississippi legislature did not renew the lease. Camp Seminole has a dining hall that seats 200 people, a 12-acre (49,000 m²) lake, nine camp sites, a C.O.P.E. Lodge, an activity field, a shooting sports facilities, an obstacle course, numerous open shelters, an environmental center, the Chakchiuma Nature Trail, and a trading post. Roads on the camp are mainly of red clay gravel construction. Today, the camp property is primarily used for camporees, weekend camping, Scout leader training, Cub Scout campouts, and other Scouts BSA related events.

The camp is also used to house Habitat for Humanity volunteers, for land navigation training by local National Guard and R.O.T.C. units, for Mississippi Hunter Safety Education Training, for Red Cross CPR and First Aid Training sessions, and other community and civic events.

Reservation or Booking Questions?

To reserve camping facilities at any of the Council's Camping properties, call the council office, complete a reservation request and pay the associated facility rental fees.

Registrar- Susanne Montgomery	(662) 842-2871
Council Ranger- Charlie Smith	(662) 401-9045 x808
Camp Seminole Caretaker- Doug Stone	(662) 361-8733



Bay Springs Scout Reservation

The camp is located about 30 minutes east-southeast (ESE) of Booneville, MS on a peninsula surrounded by Bay Springs Lake. Tent camping is available and you need to bring your own water. There are no permanent facilities. This is a leased property with the Army Corps of Engineers.

A latrine is available and a large program shelter is also in one of the campsites. Ideal for launching canoes, kayaks or paddleboards onsite.



Camp Toby Tubby

Located on Sardis Lake about 20 minutes northwest of Oxford, MS. This property is surrounded by forested lands, mountain bike trails and is adjacent to the Clear Creek Landing boat ramp. Developed tent camping spots with adjacent parking, fire rings, a large program pavilion with power, lights and tables, and hot water and flush toilets are part of this facility.



To reserve camping facilities at Bay Springs Scout Reservation or Camp Toby Tubby call the council office, complete a reservation request and pay the associated facility rental fees.

Registrar- Susanne Montgomery (662) 842-2871





OFI' TOHBI LODGE, WWW

ORDER OF THE ARROW

For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. The OA is Scouting's National Honor Society and its members, known as Arrowmen, maintain camping traditions and spirit, promote year-round and long-term resident camping, and provide cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth. The Natchez Trace Council is the home of the Ofi' Tohbi Lodge of the Order of the Arrow. The program is led by our local youth leadership with the Lodge Chief leading our lodge and the Chapter Chiefs leading each Chapter on the District level.

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

To become a member of Scouting's Honor Society you must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America in a Scouts BSA Troop, Venture Crew, or Sea Scout Unit. You must be of First-class rank or higher. You must complete 15 nights of Scout camping while registered; that includes a long-term camp of at least 5 consecutive nights. Lastly, you must be approved by your leader and elected by the youth members of your unit. Adults who meet the camping requirements may be elected following nomination to and approval by the lodge adult selection committee.

Attend Induction Weekend!

Does your Troop need to hold an Order of the Arrow Election? Make the request at www.natcheztracecouncil.org/OA and a member of our Unit Election team will contact you to schedule and guide you through the process.

Need an OA Election?

Have you been elected by your Unit to become a member of the OA? Take your next step by completing your Ordeal at one of our Induction Weekends. Register on-line at www.natcheztracecouncil.org/OA.

2024-2025 OFI' TOHBI LODGE EVENTS

Jan. 10-12	LLD/ Winter Fellowship	Camp Yocona
Jan. 11	Winter Banquet	Camp Yocona
Mar 7-8	Pre-Camp Induction	Camp Yocona
April 25-27	Section E3 Conclave	Camp Buck Toms (Rockwood, TN)
June 27-28	Post Camp Induction #1	Camp Yocona
Aug. 8-9	Post Camp Induction #2	Camp Seminole
TBD	Mississippi OA Gathering	Location TBD
Oct. 31-Nov. 2	Fall Fellowship	Camp Yocona

For more information visit www.natcheztracecouncil.org/OA



Wood Badge 2025



Wood Badge is the ultimate leadership training program for adult leaders. Similar courses on the corporate side cost thousands of dollars per attendee. This course delivers the latest in 12 leadership skills that will help you be the best leader possible. These are skills that will become part of your everyday life. You will use these skills at home, church, and anywhere leadership is needed. The course is made to provide the highest quality course with the most experienced staff to a diverse audience. We promise you friendship, camaraderie, knowledge, personal awareness, and most of all, fun! The five-day course is split over two weekends. Open to leaders from all Scouting Programs!

Weekend 1: Feb 28- Mar 2
Weekend 2: March 29-30



National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

Attention all YOUTH! NYLT is an inspiring six-day program, designed to provide youth with communication, planning, interpersonal skills, and experiences that they can use in their home units and in other life situations demanding leadership of themselves or others. Participants will be engaged in an outdoors leadership training experience led by their own Scouts BSA peers. This is a challenging hands-on leadership training program for Scouts ages 13 and older of at least First-Class Rank; or registered Venturers or Sea Scouts. This is an inspiring leadership course that ALL Scouts should attend!

Weekend 1: Aug. 15-17
Weekend 2: Aug. 22-24



Chicksa Merit Badge College



Join us for our 2025 Chicksa District Merit Badge College hosted by the University of Mississippi! Parents are welcome to attend all classes; if you want to have lunch, it will be \$15. Additional adult classes will be announced as they become available! Scouts should come dressed in their class A uniform. First come, first serve. There are no waitlists, so register early to secure your spot! New early bird fee for Scouts who register by January 1st!

Register on-line here: www.natcheztracecouncil.org/chicksadistrictmbc

February 22, 2025



University of Scouting 2025

Need Training? The University of Scouting is THE place to be! With more than 50 classes to choose from that range from the beginning leader/Cub Scout parent to Scouts BSA leader/veteran Venture Crew advisor, or a youth in a leadership role, you are assured of finding the help you are looking for! University of Scouting is a one-day supplemental training that offers everything from the most basic Leader Specific training to more advanced sessions. This year will feature lots of new and exciting classes designed to help you, the unit leader, take your unit to the next level of program!

Before registering, be sure to review the course catalog, including the description of classes. There are classes for your specific Scouting area as well as a variety of classes that span across all the Scouting areas to enhance your supplemental training. All those that register will receive a special Natchez Trace Council University of Scouting patch!

October 18, 2025

More information coming soon!



Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby is a yearly highlight for Cub Scout troops around the country. Scouts work with an adult, usually a member of their family, to build a wooden model car with metal axles and plastic wheels. The cars are powered only by gravity. There are two ways to win in most events. The fastest car wins, but so does the most interesting or innovative design. Each pack or district make their own set of rules, but most follow the same basic guidelines. There are many companies, many owned by former scouts that sell Pinewood Derby gear like car kits. Trophies or medals are often awarded for the fastest car and the best designs. Reference the Council and District Events Calendar in this guide for your specific District Pinewood Derby race dates.





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Order of the Arrow

Jan. 10-12 LLD/ Winter Fellowship
@ Camp Yocona

Jan. 11 Winter Banquet
@ Camp Yocona

Jan. 25 Section E3 Council of Chiefs
@ Camp Buck Toms- Rockwood, TN



Council Events

Jan. 11 Armadillo Army
@ Camp Yocona

District Events

Apilachi District

Jan. 9 District
Committee Meeting

Jan. 16 District
Roundtable

Chicksa District

Jan. 14 District
Committee Meeting

Jan. 21 District
Roundtable

Jacinto District

Jan. 2 Commissioner
Meeting

Jan. 9 District
Committee Meeting

Jan. 16 District
Roundtable

Pushmataha District

Jan. 9 District
Committee Meeting

Jan. 16 District
Roundtable

Jan. 25 ILSS, ILST,
ILSC Training @
Camp Seminole

Typical and Recommended Unit Events



Cub Scout Packs & Dens

Pinewood Derby
Pack Meetings
Den Meetings
Service Projects



Scouts BSA Troops

Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
Crossover Ceremonies



Venture Crews & Sea Scout Ships

Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
High Adventure Activities





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Council Events

Feb. 1 College of
Commissioner Science @
Cumberland University
(Lebanon, TN)

Feb. 8 Youth & Adult
Council Recognition
Banquet



Council Events

Feb. 8 Armadillo Army
@ Camp Yocona

Feb. 28- Mar. 2
Woodbadge Weekend #1

District Events

Apilachi District

Feb. 13 District
Committee Meeting

Feb. 20 District
Roundtable

Chicksa District

Feb. 11 District
Committee Meeting

Feb. 18 District
Roundtable

Jacinto District

Feb. 6 Commissioner
Meeting

Feb. 13 District
Committee Meeting

Feb. 20 District
Roundtable

Feb. 22 District
Pinewood Derby



Pushmataha District

Feb. 13 District
Committee Meeting

Feb. 20 District
Roundtable

Feb. 22 District Merit
Badge College

Typical and Recommended Unit Events



Cub Scout Packs & Dens

Pinewood Derby
Pack Meetings
Den Meetings
Service Projects



Scouts BSA Troops

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Crossover Ceremonies



Venture Crews & Sea Scout Ships

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March 2025

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Order of the Arrow

Mar 7-8 Pre-Camp Induction



Council Events

Feb 28- Mar. 2 Woodbadge
Weekend #1

Mar. 8 Armadillo Army
@ Camp Yocona

Mar. 29-30 Woodbadge
Weekend #2

District Events

Apilachi District

Mar. 13 District
Committee Meeting

Mar. 20 District
Roundtable

Mar 21-22 Cub
Family Camp



Chicksa District

Mar. 11 District
Committee Meeting

Mar. 18 District
Roundtable

Jacinto District

Mar. 6 Commissioner
Meeting

Mar. 13 District
Committee Meeting

Mar. 20 District
Roundtable

Mar. 7-8 Cub
Family Camp



Pushmataha District

Mar. 13 District
Committee Meeting

Mar. 20 District
Roundtable

Mar. 17-21 Cub Scout
Day Camp



Typical and Recommended Unit Events



Cub Scout Packs & Dens

Pinewood Derby
Pack Meetings
Den Meetings
Service Projects



Scouts BSA Troops

Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
Crossover Ceremonies



Venture Crews & Sea Scout Ships

Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
High Adventure Activities





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April 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

NOTES:



Natchez Trace Council Events



Order of the Arrow

April 25-27 Section E3 Conclave
@ Camp Buck Toms (Rockwood, TN)



Council Events

April 4-6 Council Camporee

April 12 Armadillo Army
@ Camp Yocona

April 26 Council Pinewood
Derby



District Events

Apilachi District

April 10 District
Committee Meeting

April 17 District
Roundtable

April 5 District
Pinewood Derby



Chicksa District

April 8 District
Committee Meeting

April 15 District
Roundtable

April 12 District
Pinewood Derby



April 12-13 Cub
Family Camp



Jacinto District

April 3 Commissioner
Meeting

April 10 District
Committee Meeting

April 17 District
Roundtable

Pushmataha District

April 10 District
Committee Meeting

April 17 District
Roundtable

April 5 District
Pinewood Derby



Typical and Recommended Unit Events



Cub Scout Packs & Dens

Pinewood Derby
Pack Meetings
Den Meetings
Service Projects



Scouts BSA Troops

Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
Council Camporee



Venture Crews & Sea Scout Ships

Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
High Adventure Activities





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May 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	Memorial Day 26	27	28	29	30	31

NOTES:



Natchez Trace Council Events



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Council Events

May 10 Armadillo Army
@ Camp Yocona

District Events

Apilachi District

May 8 District
Committee Meeting

May 15 District
Roundtable

Chicksa District

May 8 District
Banquet

May 13 District
Committee Meeting

May 20 District
Roundtable

Jacinto District

May 1 Commissioner
Meeting

May 8 District
Committee Meeting

May 15 District
Roundtable

Pushmataha District

May 2-4 Cub Spring
Gathering

May 8 District
Committee Meeting

May 15 District
Roundtable

Typical and Recommended Unit Events



Cub Scout Packs & Dens

Pack Meetings
Den Meetings
Service Projects



Scouts BSA Troops

Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects



Venture Crews & Sea Scout Ships

Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
High Adventure Activities





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June 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	Juneteenth 19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

NOTES:



Natchez Trace Council Events



Order of the Arrow

June 27-28 Post Camp Induction



Council Events

June 1-7 Scouts BSA Summer
Camp Staff Week

June 8-14 Scouts BSA Summer
Camp Week #1

June 14 Armadillo Army
@Camp Yocona

June 15-21 Scouts BSA Summer
Camp Week #2

District Events

Apilachi District

June 12 District
Committee Meeting

June 19 District
Roundtable

Chicksa District

June 10 District
Committee Meeting

June 17 District
Roundtable

Jacinto District

June 5 Commissioner
Meeting

June 12 District
Committee Meeting

June 19 District
Roundtable

Pushmataha District

June 7 Fish with a
Friend

June 12 District
Committee Meeting

June 19 District
Roundtable

Typical and Recommended Unit Events



Cub Scout Packs & Dens

Pack Meetings
Den Meetings
Service Projects



Scouts BSA Troops

Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
Summer Camp



Venture Crews & Sea Scout Ships

Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
High Adventure Activities





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July 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	Independence Day 4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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Natchez Trace Council Events



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Council Events

**July 12 Armadillo Army
@ Camp Yocona**

**July 15 Range and Target
Activities Day @ Camp Yocona**

District Events

Apilachi District

**July 10 District
Committee Meeting**

**July 17 District
Roundtable**

Chicksa District

**July 8 District
Committee Meeting**

**July 15 District
Roundtable**

Jacinto District

**July 3 Commissioner
Meeting**

**July 10 District
Committee Meeting**

**July 17 District
Roundtable**

Pushmataha District

**July 10 District
Committee Meeting**

**July 17 District
Roundtable**

Typical and Recommended Unit Events



Cub Scout Packs & Dens

**Pack Meetings
Den Meetings
Service Projects**



Scouts BSA Troops

**Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects**



Venture Crews & Sea Scout Ships

**Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
High Adventure Activities**





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August 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

NOTES:



Natchez Trace Council Events



Order of the Arrow

Aug. 8-9 Post Camp Induction



Council Events

Aug. 9 Armadillo Army
@Camp Yocona

District Events

Apilachi District

Aug. 14 District
Committee Meeting

Aug. 21 District
Roundtable

Chicksa District

Aug. 12 District
Committee Meeting

Aug. 19 District
Roundtable

Jacinto District

Aug. 7 Commissioner
Meeting

Aug. 12 District
Committee Meeting

Aug. 19 District
Roundtable

Pushmataha District

Aug. 12 District
Committee Meeting

Aug. 19 District
Roundtable

Typical and Recommended Unit Events



Cub Scout Packs & Dens

Join/ Recruitment Nights
Pack Meetings
Den Meetings
Service Projects



Scouts BSA Troops

Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
Support Join/ Recruitment
Nights



Venture Crews & Sea Scout Ships

Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
High Adventure Activities





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NATCHEZ TRACE COUNCIL

September 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Labor Day 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

NOTES:



Natchez Trace Council Events



Order of the Arrow



Council Events

Sept. 13 Armadillo Army
@ Camp Yocona

Sept. 26-28 NYLT Weekend #1
@ Camp Yocona

District Events

Apilachi District

Sept. 11 District
Committee Meeting

Sept. 18 District
Roundtable

Sept. 13 Cub Scout
Fun Day



Chicksa District

Sept. 9 District
Committee Meeting

Sept. 16 District
Roundtable

Jacinto District

Sept. 4 Commissioner
Meeting

Sept. 11 District
Committee Meeting

Sept. 18 District
Roundtable

Pushmataha District

Sept. 11 District
Committee Meeting

Sept. 18 District
Roundtable

Typical and Recommended Unit Events



Cub Scout Packs & Dens

Join/ Recruitment Nights
Pack Meetings
Den Meetings
District Fun Days



Scouts BSA Troops

Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
Support Join/ Recruitment
Nights



Venture Crews & Sea Scout Ships

Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
High Adventure Activities





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October 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

NOTES:



Natchez Trace Council Events



Order of the Arrow

Oct. 31-Nov. 2 Fall Fellowship



Council Events

Oct. 11 Armadillo Army
@Camp Yocona

Oct. 11 NYLT Weekend #2
@Camp Yocona

Oct. 18 University of Scouting
@Location TBD

Oct. 25 Cub Scout Spook-A-Ree



District Events

Apilachi District

Oct. 3-5 District
Fall Camporee



Oct. 9 District
Committee Meeting

Oct. 16 District
Roundtable

Chicksa District

Oct. 14 District
Committee Meeting

Oct. 21 District
Roundtable

Oct. 26 District
Trunk-or-Treat



Jacinto District

Oct. 2 Commissioner
Meeting

Oct. 9 District
Committee Meeting

Oct. 16 District
Roundtable

Pushmataha District

Oct. 4 Leader Specific
Training

Oct. 9 District
Committee Meeting

Oct. 16 District
Roundtable

Typical and Recommended Unit Events



Cub Scout Packs & Dens

Join/ Recruitment Nights
Pack Meetings
Den Meetings
Service Projects



Scouts BSA Troops

Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
Fall Camporee
Support Join/ Recruitment
Nights



Venture Crews & Sea Scout Ships

Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
High Adventure Activities





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November 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	Veteran's Day 11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	Thanksgiving 27	28	29
30						

NOTES:



Natchez Trace Council Events



Order of the Arrow

Oct. 31-Nov. 2 Fall Fellowship



Council Events

Nov. 8 Armadillo Army
@ Camp Yocona

District Events

Apilachi District

Nov. 7-8 BALOO/
IOLS Training

Nov. 13 District
Committee Meeting

Nov. 20 District
Roundtable

Chicksa District

Nov. 11 District
Committee Meeting

Nov. 18 District
Roundtable

Nov. 22 Thanksgiving
Food Giveaway

Jacinto District

Nov. 6 Commissioner
Meeting

Nov. 7-9 Fall
Camporee

Nov. 13 District
Committee Meeting
Nov. 20 District
Roundtable
Nov. 21-22 BALOO/
IOLS Training



Pushmataha District

Jan. 9 District
Committee Meeting

Jan. 16 District
Roundtable

Nov. 14-16 Fall
Camporee



Typical and Recommended Unit Events



Cub Scout Packs & Dens

Pack Meetings
Den Meetings
Service Projects



Scouts BSA Troops

Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects



Venture Crews & Sea Scout Ships

Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
High Adventure Activities





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December 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	Christmas Day 25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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Council Events

**Dec. 6 Range and Target Activities
Day @ Camp Seminole**

**Dec. 13 Armadillo Army
@ Camp Yocona**

**Dec. 27-30 Scouts BSA Winter
Camp @ Camp Yocona**

District Events

Apilachi District

**Dec. 11 District
Committee Meeting**

**Dec. 18 District
Roundtable**

Chicksa District

**Dec. 9 District
Committee Meeting**

**Dec. 16 District
Roundtable**

Jacinto District

**Dec. 4 Commissioner
Meeting**

**Dec. 11 District
Committee Meeting**

**Dec. 18 District
Roundtable**

Pushmataha District

**Dec. 11 District
Committee Meeting**

**Dec. 18 District
Roundtable**

Typical and Recommended Unit Events



Cub Scout Packs & Dens

**End of Year Parties
Pack Meetings
Den Meetings
Service Projects**



Scouts BSA Troops

**Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
Courts of Honor**



Venture Crews & Sea Scout Ships

**Meetings & Campouts
Service Projects
High Adventure Activities**



Scout Shop/ Council Services



Natchez Trace Council Scout Shop
505 Air Park Rd,
Tupelo, MS 38801
Hours 9-5pm Monday- Friday

The Natchez Trace Council Scout Shop is located in Tupelo, MS and carries all sorts of Scout items from Pinewood Derby kits, uniform accessories as well as all your unit advancement needs. Have questions? Call us today at 662-842-2871.

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Tupelo, MS 38804
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