

Older Youth Programs Breakout

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Scouting  **America**
Northern New Jersey Council

Training Updates



Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

One of the important tasks you are asked to do in scouting is to be a trained leader.

Our youth depend on training and depend on YOU to keep them safe and provide a FUN, and engaging program. . . and training makes your job as a leader fun and easier as well!

A trained leader is knowledgeable and more confident in the role being performed. Trained leaders impact the quality of programs, safety, and a whole lot more. In other words, a trained leader is better prepared to make Scouting all it can be!



Steps to Being Trained

Safeguarding Youth Training

- Must be Taken Every Year Online
- Shorter Refresher Training Annually
- Don't Let it Lapse !

Hazardous Weather Training

- This training is required for all adults that work directly with youth.
- It must be taken every two years.

Position Specific Training

- Training for all positions for adult leaders in Scouting - Online Training

Direct Contact Leaders - Trained

- Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Advisors, Skippers - All Online Training!
- Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters - Need IOLS



NNJC Training Offerings - 2026-2027



Youth Training

- Den Chief Training - April and September 2027
- Introduction to Leadership Skills Troops (ILST) - November 2026 and 2027
 - ILS training for Crews and Ships can be provided
- National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) - August 2027

Adult Training

- Wilderness First Aid - This Weekend, February & March 2027
- Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) - May and October 2027
- Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) - May 2027 and October 2027
- Wood Badge - April/May 2027

Register via the Council Calendar

Talk to your District Training Chairs to arrange training at units.

LEADERSHIP — WORTH — EXPLORING



WOOD BADGE

APRIL 23-25 & MAY 22-23, 2027

CST13-333-27

NNJC



Wood Badge is an advanced, national leadership course open only to Scouting volunteers and professionals.

The purpose of Wood Badge is to develop skilled leaders who can strengthen Scouting units in achieving the mission of Scouting America.

It will provide you with many useful leadership tools to help enable our youth to have the best possible Scouting experience.

Attend 2 Weekends:

- April 23-25, 2027 and
- May 22-23, 2027

Then complete 5 scouting-oriented goals

Questions?

Woodbadge2027@gmail.com

Training Opportunities - Meeting Q&A

Q: When will registration open for the November ILST course?

A: Registration for the November ILST session is expected to open within the next week.

Q: Will ILST be offered in the spring?

A: Possibly. Council training leaders indicated a spring ILST may be offered if there is sufficient interest. Units may email Training@Scoutingnnj.org or work with their District Training Chair to arrange a local offering.

Q: Is Wood Badge worthwhile for adult leaders?

A: Several leaders strongly recommended Wood Badge, especially for adults who did not participate in Scouting as youth. The course was highlighted as valuable for both personal and leadership development.

Q: How can leaders learn more about Wood Badge?

A: Interested leaders were invited to connect with Course Director Ginny Bowers Coleman through the Wood Badge interest form: <https://forms.gle/5VMwGTnZurdGgWSq7>

Advancement



Merit Badge Counselors

1. New Merit Badge Counselors will need the following training and information before being processed.
 - a. SCO 471 Advancement
 - b. SCO 472 Aims and Methods
 - c. SCO 474 Intro to Merit Badges
 - d. SCO 486 What is a Merit Badge Counselor
 - e. Current Youth Protection
 - f. Show background experience in the Merit Badge

We are looking for New MBC's

- Multisport (Swimming, Biking, Running)
- Wildland Fire Management
- AI – Artificial Intelligence
- Signs, Signals, and Codes

Merit Badges with Special Qualifications (GTA 7.0.1.0)

- a. Climbing
- b. Snow Sports
- c. Canoeing
- d. Kayaking
- e. Lifesaving
- f. Motor Boating
- g. Rowing
- h. Scuba Diving

- a. Scuba Diving
- b. Small Boat
- c. Sailing
- d. Swimming
- e. Water Sports
- f. Archery
- g. Rifle Shooting
- h. Shotgun Shooting



2025 Guide to Advancement

<https://www.scouting.org/resources/guide-to-advancement/>

District Advancement Chairs

If you have any issues or concerns with advancement contact your [District Advancement Chair](#)

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Scouts with Special Needs (GTA 10.0.0.0)

All of these are handled at the Council Level

**Alternative Eagle Scout
Rank Merit Badges**

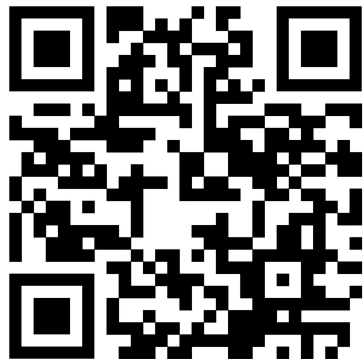


**Registration Beyond the Age
of Eligibility (11.4.0.0)**



Eagle Scouts

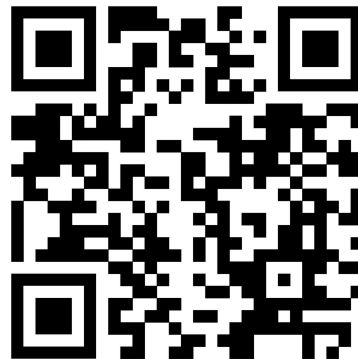
**Eagle Application
(512/728) 26 Version**



Eagle Project Workbook



**Eagle Scout Extension
(11.2.0.0) - Life Scouts Only**



Eagle Project of the Year Submissions start January 2027

- Any Scout that has had their Eagle BOR by Dec 31 2026

Advancement MBC - Meeting Q&A

Q: Should leaders renew all of their registered positions?

A: Yes. Members should make sure all registered positions are renewed, including Merit Badge Counselor registrations.

Q: Will Merit Badge Counselor registrations continue to renew separately?

A: No. All registered positions should renew at the same time as the member's primary registration.

Q: Who should I contact to become a Merit Badge Counselor?

A: Contact your District Executive or reach out directly to:

Mondana Saghafi

mondana.saghafi@scouting.org

Advancement Eagles - Meeting Q&A

Q: When should a Scout request an Eagle extension?

A: Extensions are available only for Life Scouts. If a Scout may need an extension, units should contact their District Advancement Chair as early as possible.

Q: If a Scout expires before their Eagle Board of REview do they have to renew?

A: Scouts must be registered through the time they are working on advancement requirements, but need not be registered thereafter or when their boards of review are conducted.

Scouts BSA Summer Camp



Scouts BSA Resident Camp

Deposits and Holding Your Unit's Place

Step 1 – Reserve your week. Register your unit on Black Pug and pay a **\$250 unit deposit for each week or trek** you reserve. This holds **5 Scout slots**.

Step 2 – Confirm your numbers by February 1, 2027. Pay **\$50 for each additional slot** beyond the first 5. For example, a unit bringing 10 Scouts pays \$500 in total deposits: \$250 at reservation and \$250 by February 1. Adult leaders do not require a deposit.

After February 1, 2027, registration opens to everyone. Any additional slots must be **paid in full** and are available only while space remains.

Deposit rules

- Slots are reserved for **your unit**, not specific Scouts, so you can change which Scouts attend.
- All deposits are **non-refundable** but can be **moved to a different week** during the 2027 summer season.
- All deposits are **credited toward your camp fees**, including the full \$250 if fewer than 5 Scouts attend.

Payment deadline

- **April 15, 2027:** Pay your balance in full to receive the early-bird discount. This applies to all Scouts, including those added after February 1.

Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco

Scouts BSA Resident Camp

Hardwick, New Jersey

- Week 1: July 4 – July 10
- Week 2: July 11 – July 17
- Week 3: July 12 – July 24
- Week 4: July 25 – July 31
- Week 5: August 1 – August 7
- Week 6: August 8 – August 14

\$610 if paid by April 15

\$670 If paid after April 15

Provisional Scout weeks available

Week 5 & 6

Provisional: \$650



Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco 100th Anniversary

Join us on July 31, 2027 to celebrate Camp No-Be turning 100 years old.

For one hundred years Scouts and their leaders have trekked to the woods in the foothills of the Kittatinny Mountains - to learn the skills essential to good Scouting. Hundreds of thousands of Scouts have enjoyed the No-Be-Bo-Sco experience. And that's cause to celebrate!

For more information scan the QR code.



Floodwood Mountain Reservation

Scouts BSA Trekking Camp

Lake Clear, NY

- Week 1: July 11 – July 17
- Week 2: July 12 – July 24
- Week 3: July 25 – July 31
- Week 4: August 1 – August 7
- Week 5: August 8 – August 14

\$615 if paid by April 15

\$680 If paid after April 15

Provisional Available every week

Provisional: \$660

Week 4 - In Camp Merit Badge

Program Option



Order of the Arrow Lenapehoking Lodge IX



What is the Order of the Arrow

- The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. For more than 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.
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- Lenapehoking Lodge helps Northern New Jersey Council provide a quality Scouting program through recognition of Scouting spirit and performance, development of youth leadership and service, promotion of Scout camping and outdoor programs, and enhancement of membership tenure.

How do you join the OA

Lenapehoking Lodge accepts election requests for eligible youth from Council Scouts BSA Troops, Venture Crews, and Sea Scout Ships.

- Elections requests will opens November 2026 on the Council Website

Adult Requirement

- Must be at least 21 years old.
- Must hold a current, active adult registration with Scouting America.
- Selection is based on the adult's ability to help the Order fulfill its purpose, provide positive role modeling for youth members, and serve as an asset to the lodge—it is **not** given as a recognition or award for past or present service.

Youth Requirement

- Must be a registered youth member of Scouting America (in a Scouts BSA troop, Venturing crew, or Sea Scout ship).
- Must be under 21 years old at the time of the election
- Must hold the minimum required rank depending on the program: First Class rank or higher, Discovery Award or higher, or Ordinary rank or higher
- Must have completed **15 nights of camping** within the two-year period prior to the election:
 - a. Includes at least one **long-term camp** (maximum 5 nights credited, consisting of 5 consecutive nights).
 - b. Includes **10 short-term nights** (maximum 3 nights per campout).
 - c. Sea Scout ship nights can count toward the camping requirement.

Order of the Arrow - Meeting Q&A

Q: How can a unit request an Order of the Arrow election visit?

A: Election request forms will open in November and will be available through: www.scoutingnnj.org/OA

Upcoming Activities



Upcoming Older Youth Activities

Oct 2026

14 RV Merit Badge of the Month
17-18 Wilderness First Aid

Nov 2026

7 COPE · ILST · RVD Merit Badge Fair
21 LT Klondike Derby
27 Duty to God Hike
28 RVD Build-a-Sled

Dec 2026

28 3R Wrightington Bowl-a-thon
28 LT Bowl-a-thon

Jan 2027

16 RVD Klondike Derby
22-24 3R Klondike, Camp NoBe

Feb 2027

6-7 Wilderness First Aid

Mar 2027

6 Scouting For Food
20 3R Merit Badge Fair, Paramus

Apr 2027

17 COPE at Camp NoBe
24 ILST, Oradell
30 OA Spring Induction I

May 2027

8 LT Scout Skills Day
8 COPE at Camp NoBe

Jun 2027

4 OA Spring Induction II

Jul 2027

31 Camp NoBe 100th Anniversary

Aug 2027

15-21 NYLT, Camp Yaw Paw

Sep 2027

24-26 3R Hike-O-Ree

Oct 2027

No events posted yet

Nov 2027

6 RVD Merit Badge Fair

Dec 2027

27 3R Wrightington Bowl-a-thon

Jan – Mar 2028

Not yet on the council calendar —
check the council digital calendar.

