

Virtual Program Launch

Tuesday, October 13, 2026



Scouting  **America**
Northern New Jersey Council

Pledge of Allegiance



Safety in Scouting



Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT)

- Safeguarding Youth training is required for all Scouting America registered volunteers and is a joining requirement.
- Safeguarding Youth training must be taken every year. If a volunteer's Safeguarding Youth training is not current at the time of annual registration renewal, the volunteer will not be re-registered.
 - If your training has been expired for 7 days or more, the system will require you to retake the full 90-minute course (SCO_3014).
 - If your training is current you can take the 20-minute refresher course (SCO_3016)



Incident Reporting in Scouting

1. Take care of the injured/find a safe place.
2. Preserve and document the evidence/take photos if appropriate.
3. Complete an incident report and notify your local council.

All Forms can be found
on the Council Safety
Page



Why Report an Incident

The information reported from incidents is valuable in preventing the re-occurrence of similar incidents. Reporting incidents promptly is also critical so we can respond to them in an appropriate manner, and it helps us properly manage any potential claims.

- Proper documentation of all injuries, illnesses and incidents during Scouting activities MUST be reported within 24-48 hours to the council office.
- Ensures that insurance coverage is processed.
- Enables leadership to learn and minimize the potential for a further occurrence.

Unit Recharter (Renewal) & Membership Renewal Changes for 2027 -

Who, What, When, Where and Why?



Why & What's New with Unit Recharter

Scouting America's goal is to get ALL Units to recharter (renew) and ALL Members to renew annually in February.

- The month of February was chosen to avoid the end of calendar year, the beginning/end of school year, most holidays, and to create a consistent time of year to measure membership and units annually across the organization.
- Currently, units recharter and members renew during all 12 months of the year.
- **The plan is get all units to recharter and to have all members renew together by February 2028.**
 - To achieve this, National will charge prorated Charter/Membership Fees.

What's New with Membership Renewal

***National will also be moving to a unified membership renewal month of February.**

- This means some will be paying prorated membership fees to get to February 2028.

***Renewing Members - Proration will begin in March 2027** and members will be prorated to February 2028.

- Meaning **no change in fee/renewal date now** if you currently renew your membership in December 2026, January 2027, or February 2027.

***Brand New Members** - When they first join, proration begins in January 2027 and members will be prorated to February 2028 (paying the higher fees).

- ***NOTE: New members first registered by December 31, 2026 will be at the current fee structure and will be registered for 12 months.**

Add your NEW members now, which saves you paying higher fees later.

Grace Period Ending for Membership Renewal

***Starting on 1/1/2027, there will be no membership lapse (grace) period for anyone:**

- This means the day that a person's membership expires, is the day they “drop” - no “grace” period.
- This applies to Key 3 members, all Scouters, and all Scouts.

****A key 3 member “dropping” will prevent your unit from using online unit recharter (renewal).***

Ramapo Valley District

Unit Recharter (Renewal) (Units Expiring December 2026)

- Units will be paying a prorated unit charter fee in order for them to reach an annual renewal date of February 2028.
- This would mean a 14 month charter for December 2026 unit recharterers to get to February 2028.

Membership Renewals (starting 1/1/27)

- If you renew your membership in December. No changes for now.
- If you renew your membership in other months, starting in March 2027 you will pay a prorated membership fee in order to get to February 2028.

Three Rivers District

Unit Recharter (Renewal) Membership Renewals (starting 1/1/27) (Units Expiring January 2027)

- Units will be paying a prorated unit charter fee in order for them to reach an annual renewal date of February 2028.
- This would mean a 13 month charter for January 2027 unit recharters to get to February 2028.
- If you renew your membership in January. No changes for now.
- If you renew your membership in other months, starting in March 2027 you will pay a prorated membership fee in order to get to February 2028.

Lenape Trail District

Unit Recharter (Renewal) Membership Renewals (starting 1/1/27) (Units Expiring February 2026)

- Most units are already
- on a February Unit Recharter. No changes for now.
- Those few units that do not already recharter their unit in February, they will pay a prorated unit charter fee in 2027 for over a year **or** less than a year (depending on their Unit recharter/renewal month) in order to get to February 2028.
- If you renew your membership in February. No changes for now.
- If you renew your membership in other months, starting in March 2027 you will pay a prorated membership fee in order to get to February 2028.

Membership Renewals & Fee Changes - Meeting Q&A

Q: Will membership fees increase in 2027?

A: Council leadership indicated that Scouting America has advised there will be a fee increase, but final membership and charter fee details have not yet been released. Information will be shared once finalized.

Q: If a Scout renews after February 2027, will they pay higher fees?

A: Members renewing in March 2027 or later will be charged a prorated fee to align their membership through February 2028.

Q: What if a Scout's renewal is due in October or November? Can we wait until December?

A: No. Units paying membership renewals should renew members in the month they are due. Delaying renewal could cause the member's registration to lapse.

Membership Renewals & Fee Changes (Cont) - Meeting Q&A

Q: How will the fee increase affect units that collect annual dues in September?

A: Several leaders expressed concern about having to collect additional funds mid-year. Council leadership stated that this concern has been communicated to Scouting America.

Q: If a new Scout joins in Fall 2026, will they need to renew again in February 2027?

A: No. Scouts registering by December 31, 2026, will receive a full year of membership through December 31, 2027, at current rates. Scouts joining on or after January 1, 2027, will pay a prorated amount through February 2028.

Q: Will units still be able to pay renewals, or will individuals have to renew themselves?

A: At this time, both unit-paid and individually paid renewal options remain available.

Q: How should SYT (Safeguarding Youth Training) expiration dates be handled during the transition?

A: SYT should expire one year from the member's renewal date. For example, if membership is renewed in January 2027, SYT should expire in January 2028.

BeAScout Pin



BeAScout Enhancements – Pin Settings

- A **BeAScout Pin** is a unit's online presence on the Scouting America BeAScout platform, designed to help prospective members and families find your unit and learn about it quickly.
- Top three reasons to update your BeAScout Pin:
 1. Improves Unit Visibility and Recruitment
 2. Provides Clear, Up-to-Date Information on Your Unit
 3. Enables Online Applications for New Families

Pack 0903 American Legion Post 42 



Pack 0903

Organization Manager

Settings

Unit Renewal

Unit Pin

Unit Dashboard

Unit Data Metric Entry

Roster

Transfer in

Position Manager

Unit Information

Appear on BeAScout: ☒

Allow People to Apply Online: ☒

Fundraising Helps Cover Costs: ☐

Trial Visit Encouraged: ☒

Contact Information

Contact Person:

Phone:

Email:

[Edit](#)

Special Interest Type

FAMILY DEN PILOT 2022

Unit Fee

60

Unit Pin Preview

 **Pack 0903**

Meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Unit Dues: \$60

Contact:

Phone:

Email:

Website: www.pack903.org

☐ Dens for Boys or Girls

☒ **Online Registration** available for this unit.

☒ **Trial Visits Encouraged**

Pack 903 meets at Orrington Elementary on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30pm during the school year. Please check out our website for more information, access to our real-time calendar, and contact us if you're interested in joining our Pack. We'd love to have you!

[Request More Information](#) [Apply Now](#)

Fields to Display on Unit Pin:

BeAScout Enhancements – Pin Settings


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Fields to Display on Unit Pin:

Unit Meeting Address:

✓

Contact Person's Name:

✓

Phone Number:

✓

Contact Email:

✓

Unit Website:

✓

Additional Unit Information:

✓

SAVE

Unit Meeting Information

Address

2636 Orrington Ave
Evanston, IL 60201

Edit



BeAScout Enhancements – Pin Settings

- Update your pin every 3–4 months to keep information current and verify changes on BeAScout.org after making updates (it can take up to 24 hours to go live).

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Meeting Schedule ⓘ

Frequency

Monthly

Week

Day

2nd

Thursday

Start Time

End Time

6:30 PM

7:30 PM

Clear

Save Meeting Schedule

Technology Updates



Scouting America Technology Hub

Scouting America is committed to building technology that makes it easier to deliver the Scouting experience for families, volunteers, and the professionals who support them every day.

The Scouting America Tech Hub is your official resource for understanding our technology direction. Here you'll find our strategic plans and architecture, updates on major initiatives and their timelines, and answers to the questions our community asks most. We've also connected this hub to Scouting's community forums so you can follow the conversation, share your perspective, and stay engaged as our technology evolves.

Whether you're a parent exploring how Scouting manages your family's information, a volunteer leader navigating our tools, or a council professional planning for the future, this hub was built for you.

Prepared and Informed. Together.



BeAScout Enhancements



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Scouting  America

60201 ✓ Radius: 10 mi ▾

Cub Scouts - All Packs ×

53 units found near ZIP Code 60201 (48 shown)

🔍 Search within results

☐ Include units with manual registration

1 Pack 0922 St Matthews Episcopal Church **0.5mi**

📍 2120 Lincoln St, Evanston, IL 60201

👤 Matthew   Boys/Girls

[Apply Now](#)

[Request more information](#)

2 Pack 0903 American Legion Post 42 **0.8mi**

📍 2636 Orrington Ave, Evanston, IL 60201

👤 Carl  ( 7

  Boys/Girls

[Apply Now](#)

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3 Pack 0929 Evanston Lighthouse Rotary Club **1.3mi**

📍 2700 Hurd Ave, Evanston, IL 60201

👤 Emilie   Boys/Girls

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👤 Carl 

📞 (414) 

✉ carl. 

  Boys/Girls

[Apply Now](#)

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👁 Trial visit encouraged

\$ Cost of youth to join: \$170 

\$ Unit dues: \$60 

📅 Meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month
6:30 PM-7:30 PM

👤 Current estimated youth in unit: 41

[Visit our website](#) 

BeAScout Enhancements

Pack 0903 American Legion Post 42

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Cub Scouts - Grades K-5



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Unit details

Boys/Girls

Northeast Illinois 129

A council helps chartered organizations effectively use the Scouting program and expand the use of program to other community groups.

850 Forest Edge Dr, Vernon Hills, IL 60061

(847) 433-1813

✓ Apply Now

Share

Request more information

Contact information

Carl

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Trial visit encouraged [Request Trial](#)

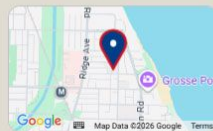
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MOVO



What is Movo?

Scouting America recently updated BeAScout, making it easier for families to find and connect with local Scouting units. As part of that work, Scouting America is launching MOVO, an AI-powered tool designed to help Councils and units better manage and respond to prospective families.

What you need to do:

- Look for a text from MOVO (or “Jess”) and tap the activation link.
- Review and update your BeAScout pin and unit information.
- Add additional leaders to your unit’s team if you’d like others to help respond to questions MOVO can’t answer.

User Experience:

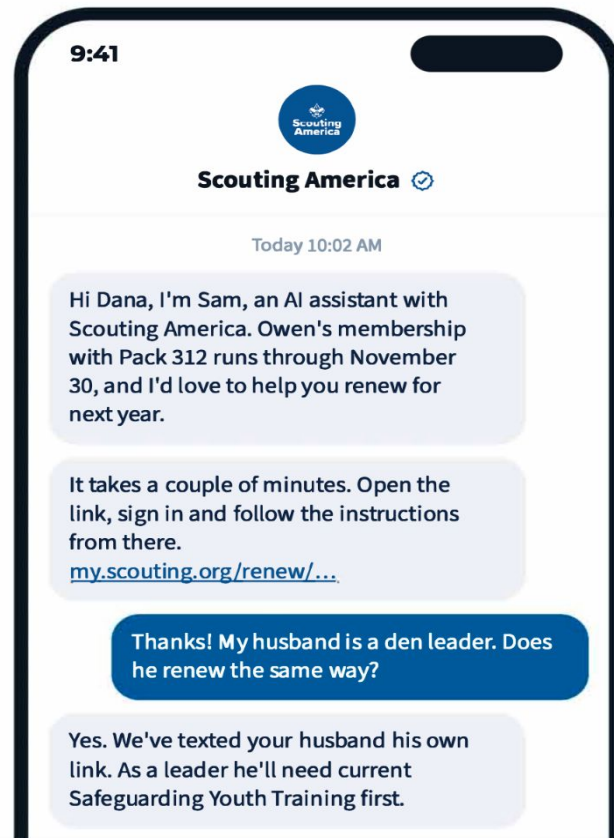
- **Immediate Interaction:** Families receive an instant response via text or email, allowing them to reply and converse naturally.
- **Behind-the-Scenes Operation:** The system operates primarily in the background. Any questions Movo cannot answer are automatically forwarded to unit leaders via SMS.
- **Scouting-Engineered:** Movo is specifically trained on Scouting America structures, while your unit's local BeAScout Pin acts as its primary operational "skill."

Renewal texts now come through Movo

Before A standard template reminder from Scouting America, sent via text from 866-518-1786, a toll-free number or an Email from Do Not reply address. Phones and email accounts often flag as possible spam, no one answers a reply, and families are told to contact their council.

Now Scouting America will use Movo AI and verified Scouting America brand with the mobile carriers, so the reminder arrives as a verified contact: the Scouting America name, logo and check mark instead of an unknown number. When a family replies, Sam answers.

When Starting October 15, about 45 days before each membership expires.



MOVO / “Jess’ Ai Assistant - Meeting Q&A

Q: Will Jess know unit meeting times and locations?

A: If meeting information is not included in the unit's PIN profile, the tool will refer inquiries directly to unit leaders.

Q: How does Jess address youth safety concerns regarding sharing meeting locations?

A: If specific meeting information is available on their unit pin, inquiries will be directed to unit leadership rather than providing location details.

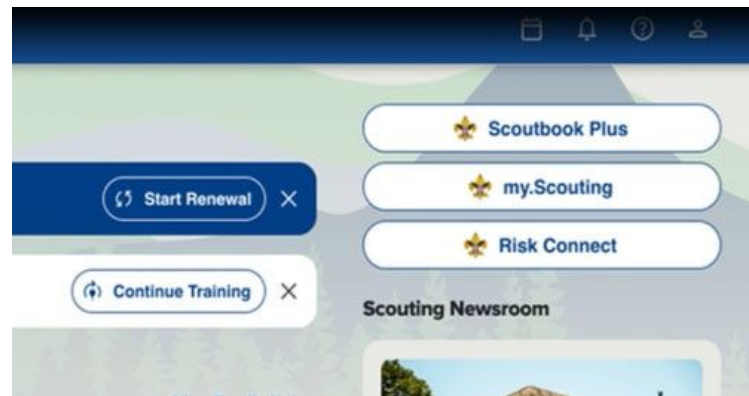
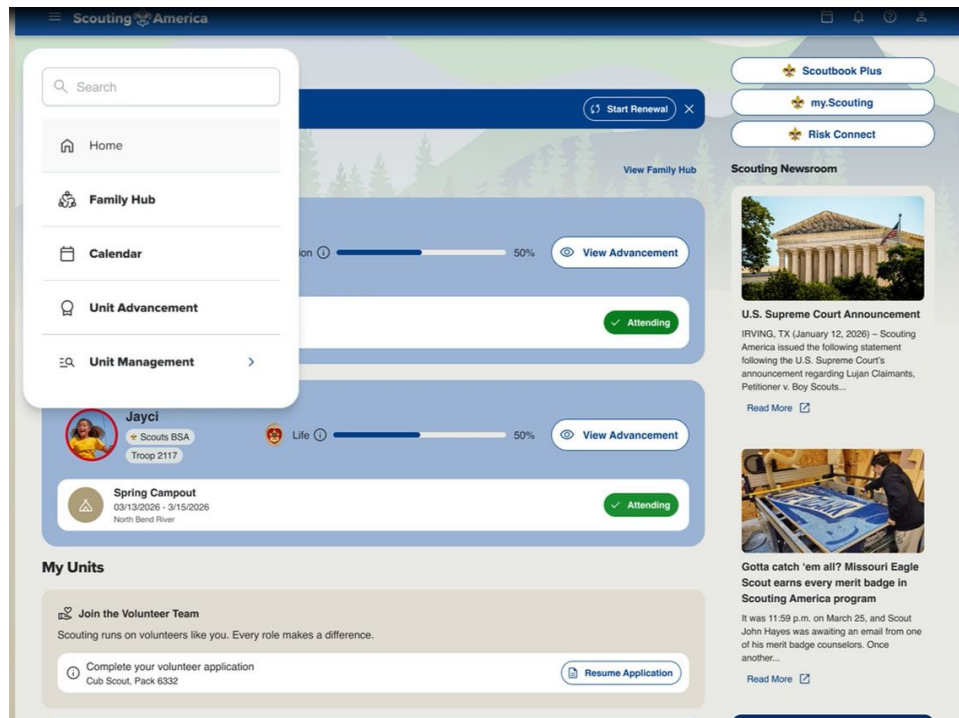
Q: Can units opt out of MOVO messages?

A: As of right now there is not an option to opt out of MOVO

ScoutConnect



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- ScoutConnect is Scouting America's new unified technology platform designed to connect, My.Scouting, ScoutBook+

Camp Property Update



What's Going on at Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco



- Sand Pond Lodge and Rosenberg Lodge available for rentals!
- Improvements around camp

What's Going on at Camp Yaw Paw



- Dining hall renovation
- New ranger shop

What's Going on at Floodwood



- Bikes
- Dock and site work

Service Opportunities



Camp Service Projects

- Please reach out to the camping department.

Beaver Days

- November/ December 2026 - NoBe
- Spring 2027 – NoBe, Yaw Paw, and Floodwood

Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco's 100 Anniversary

- Dining Hall, Cabins, Camper/Camp Facilities
- Unit-led/funded projects
- Volunteer service team
- Material donations
- Financial support

Save the Date! – July 31, 2027
100th Anniversary Celebration

Camping & Property Questions - Meeting Q&A

Q: When is water shut off at Camp Yaw Paw and Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco?

A: Drinking water remains available year-round at both camps. Water service to campsites at No-Be-Bo-Sco is typically shut off in mid-October, and restroom water at Yaw Paw is also shut off around mid-October.

Q: Can Eagle Scout service projects be completed on No-Be-Bo-Sco property?

A: No. Eagle Scout service projects are not permitted on Scouting America properties.

Camping Safely, Together



Be in the know... Unit Camping

Cub Scouts

Registered adult leadership

At least two adults attending must be registered in Scouting America

- Any Adult attending without a Scout must be registered in Scouting

Required Training

At least one leader present has BALOO and is current with Hazardous Weather; renewal every two years is recommended for all leaders.

Lions (K) and Tigers (1)

For kindergarteners (Lions) and first-graders (Tigers), an adult partner **must** be present to participate in any overnight camping trip.

Wolf (2) and Bear (3)

In rare/exceptional circumstances if a parent cannot attend, the Scout may go under the supervision of another registered adult who is already a parent of an attending Scout.

Family Camping

Parents or guardians, and siblings **may share a tent** with their family.

Council approval

Needed for unit-run overnights with units that don't share your chartered organization.

Be in the know... Den Camping Webelos and AOL

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Scout BSA Campouts

Only Arrow of Light dens/patrols can **attend Scouts BSA troop unit campout** or attend a Scouts BSA “camporee”

Age-appropriate activities

Every activity must fit the age and skill of all participants.

Family Camping

Parents or guardians, and siblings **may share a tent** with their family.

Council camps meet NCAP

Council-run short- and long-term camps follow National Camp Accreditation standards.

Be in the know... Unit Camping Troops, Crews, and Ships

Registered adult leadership

Qualified, registered adults supervise all camping.

- Every adult at a unit overnight must be registered in the unit they are camping with.

Hazardous Weather Training

At least one leader present is current; renewal every two years is recommended for all leaders

Council Approved

Needed for unit-run overnights with units that don't share your chartered organization.

Age-appropriate activities

Every activity must fit the age and skill of all participants.

Registered youth only

All youth attending a campout must be registered to the unit they are attending with.

Council camps meet NCAP

Council-run short- and long-term camps follow National Camp Accreditation standards.

Camping Checklist

Before You Departure

- ☐ **Two-deep leadership:** two registered adults 21+ from your own unit for the whole trip
- ☐ **Female youth attending:** a registered female adult 21+ is present
- ☐ **Troops/ Crew/ and Ships All adults** registered and current in Youth Protection (Safeguarding Youth) training
- ☐ **Health forms:** Annual Health and Medical Record on file for every participant
- ☐ **Hazardous Weather:** at least one leader attending is current
- ☐ **Plan reviewed** with the SAFE Checklist; permission slips and drivers confirmed

At Camp

- ☐ **No one-on-one** contact between adults and youth, at any time
- ☐ **Tenting:** youth tentmates no more than two years apart; adults and youth tent separately
- ☐ **Privacy:** separate shower and changing times for adults and youth
- ☐ **Hazard trees:** tents and work areas outside 1½× the tree's height
- ☐ **Lightning:** shelter at first thunder; resume 30 minutes after the last
- ☐ **Report:** incidents and any Youth Protection concerns, promptly

Camping with Other Units - 5 Step Plan

1

Get Council approval

Required when units don't share a chartered organization.

2

Each unit has 2-deep

Each unit brings its own two adults 21+. Leaders can't be shared to meet the rule.

3

Fit the program to the unit

AOL Scouts camp as a den with a BALOO-trained leader; Webelos can't join troop campouts.

4

Consolidate paperwork

One shared roster: health forms, permissions, registration and training verified.

5

Brief, assess, debrief

Joint leaders' meeting, site and weather check, emergency contacts; report incidents after.

Policies change. The online Guide to Safe Scouting is the standard — printed copies and last year's checklists are not. scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss

Camping Safely - Meeting Q&A

Q: If another adult oversees a youth on a camping trip, what are the sleeping arrangements?

A: The adult must be a registered leader. Scouts may share a tent with other Scouts or sleep in separate tents, consistent with Scouting policies.

Range & Target Program and Training Opportunities



Range & Target Availability

Ranges are available year round. During the winter months availability is dependent on the access roads being clear of ice and snow. Extreme temperatures could also be a factor. This decision is usually made during the week leading up to the that weekend.

Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco

- Cub and AOL BB Experience
- Cub and AOL Archery Experience
- Scout Archery Experience and Merit Badge Work
- Scout Rifle Experiences and Merit Badge Work
- Scout Shotgun Experiences and Merit Badge Work
- Scout Muzzleloader Experience

Camp Yaw Paw

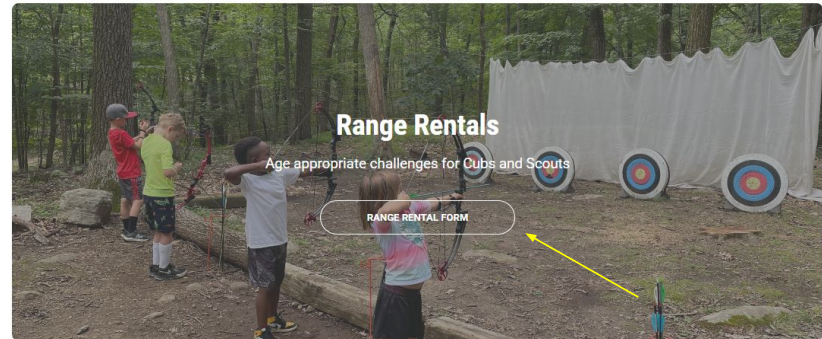
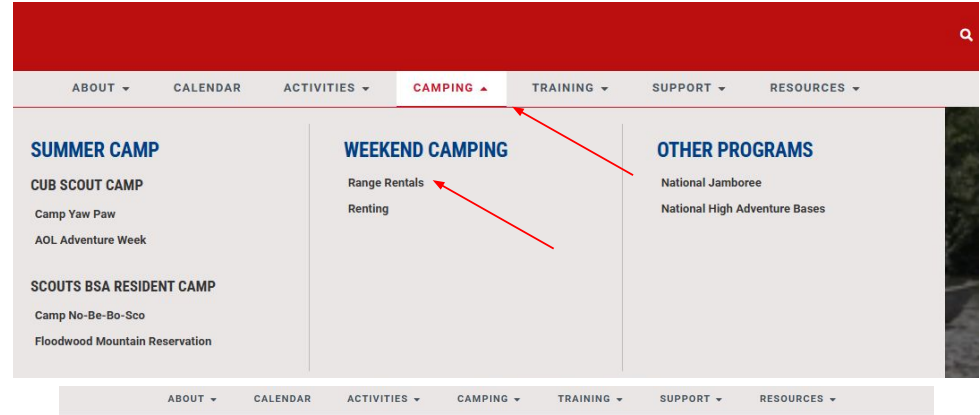
- Cub and AOL BB Shooting Experience
- Cub and AOL Archery Experience
- Scout Archery Experience and Merit Badge Work

How to Reserve a Range

Go to the Council Website

www.ScoutingNNJ.org

- Click on the Camping Tab
- In the middle under Weekend Camping click Range Rentals
- In the middle of the header click “Range Rental Form”
- Fill out the form
- You will be contacted soon in regards to program planning, scheduling and Instructor requirements to meet your needs



Range & Target Training

Benefits of Receiving Training

- You can assist with Council and District events
- Provide much needed assistance at Summer Camp
- For Scout Units you can plan and run your own weekend activities
- Cub and AOL Rangemasters can run their own activities under the guidance of a member of the Council Range Activities staff.
- You are eligible to become a Merit Badge Counselor

Instructor Training Opportunities

- Cub/AOL BB and Archery Rangemaster
- USA Archery Level 1 Instructor
- NRA Range Safety Officer
- NRA Rifle, Shotgun and Muzzleloader Instructor

Range & Target - Meeting Q&A

Q: How can units rent range facilities?

A: A range rental form was provided:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUIHio0LL8OYdjBCRZpZ9jV4SomR8wz2enFJNJedzdGr7hKA/viewform>

Q: Where are range sport trainings posted and how do leaders register?

A: Reach out the council camping department

Summer Camp 2027



Pricing & Deadlines

Camp Yaw Paw

- \$375 if paid by May 1
- \$425 is paid after May 1

Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco

- \$610 if paid by April 15
- \$670 is paid after April 15

Floodwood Mountain Reservation

- \$615 if paid by April 15
- \$680 is paid after April 15

Deadlines

January 1, 2027 - Camp Scholarship Form Opens

March 15, 2027 - Camp Scholarship Due

April 15, 2027 - Scouts BSA Early Bird Pricing End

May 1, 2027 - Cub Scout Early Bird Pricing End