



**PROGRAM PLANNING
KICK-OFF & TRAINING**

Why do families stay in Scouting?

1. Scouting is fun
2. Scouting is great value for the money
3. Scout meetings are a good use of our family's time
4. Scouting makes me feel like I am a part of something big



Based on Voice of the Scout Data.

These are the top 4 reasons families stay in Scouting.

Units that attract and keep Scouts:

- Deliver Iconic Scouting Experiences!
 - *Pinewood Derby, Cub World, Summer Camp, Camporall, etc.*
- Ensure all Scouts and their families feel welcome.
- Have Leadership that is helpful, friendly, kind, trained, organized, and provide good communication.
- Have a funding policy that is simple and helps families subsidize their Scouting adventures through Scout Accounts.



Successful Units that attract and keep Scouts deliver multiple Iconic Scouting Experiences each year.
They ensure families feel welcome.
They have friendly and organized leadership and provide good communication
They have a funding policy that is simple and helps families subsidize their Scouting adventures through Scout Accounts



This brings us to Annual Program Planning.

Tonight, we are going to walk you through ideas and best practices to help improve your unit's program and funding plan.

Families want to know the answer to two questions, **What are we going to do and how much is it going to cost?** A good annual program delivers multiple Iconic Scouting Experiences, follows our Council's unit funding policies, and is easily shared with families.

What is Annual Program Planning?

- Annual Unit Meeting
- Plan and Schedule your next year of program
- Plan to participate in many Iconic Scouting Experiences
- Create a Calendar
- Help families subsidize their Scouting adventures
- Share with all Scouts and families

It is a meeting, or set of meetings to plan and organize your next year of program.

2026-2027 Unit Program & Finance Planning Guidebook



Scouting America
Adventure West Council

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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: _____

Council Events

Typical Unit Events

District Events

The Guidebook is a tool to help you during the process. Specifically at your planning meeting. We have a couple available for each unit and the file is online on our website for you to print more as needed. It is also designed to be viewed digitally.

The calendar on the left page is intentionally left blank. This is so that you can write down your unit dates and activities.

Council events are in the top right, followed by typical unit events held that month, followed by District events. There are also labels to help you identify Cub Scout Events, Scouts BSA Events, and Venturing Events.

Important Updates:

- Membership Fee proration is returning in August.
 - No longer the month you join.
 - Everyone will be moved to February.
- Annual Unit & Membership renewals we be in February.
 - Return to the way we did 3+ years ago, annual recharter.
- Council specific funding policies and practices are to be followed by all local units. *(more on this in the training)*



Before we go any further, we want to make you aware of some important updates and changes.

1st - National is changing the membership fee process and bringing back proration.

- They are basically going back to the way we did it previously.
- Everyone's registration will be moved to February and Scouts that join will pay a pro-rated amount based on the month they join.

2nd – In conjunction with this, Both Unit and Membership renewals will be in February.

- Historically, this was a December 31st date. They are moving it back to February to align with our insurance forms and to get it out of the holidays.
- More information will be shared on this as we receive it.

3rd - To ensure **high quality and consistent unit programming across our council**, all units are to begin following our council's funding policies and practices.

- More information on this to follow in the training.

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 the plan to pay for these activities. Start the meeting by outlining the importance of having a strong annual plan and 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 and on our council website.

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
- Important chartered organization dates
- Personal dates that may affect your unit's activities
- District and Council dates
- Last year's unit annual plan (if you have one)
- Unit priorities and goals

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.

Now to Program Planning!

The process begins with Pre-work, which is setting the meeting date, inviting the right people, collecting information that will be helpful in the planning process, such as key school dates, personal dates, and your last year's annual plan (if you have one).

At the meeting:

Step 1 – Is to take the dates you've collected prior to the meeting and put them into the Calendar

Step 2 – is to review what the unit did last year. What went well, what didn't go well. Don't spend too much time on this step, just use this research to guide what you might want to keep, replace, or improve.

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 Council Unit Excellence Award? How did we do with weekly attendance? Did we participate in Cub World, Cub Haunted, summer camp, high adventure? Did our families have enough opportunities to fund their Scout Accounts? Feel free to ask as many questions as you want, but don't 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 3 – Is Brainstorming. What activities do you want to do. Use the Program Planning Calendar for ideas. Create a list of what you might want to do and then prioritize the list. Take votes on which activities to include on the schedule and make your selections.

Step 4 – After you have the activities selected and placed on the schedule, the next step is to assign a person to be in responsible for the activity. Don't skip this step as it is key to having a successful year.

Council Unit Excellence Award

- Runs annually with the unit's renewal date (February)
- 6-metrics:
 - Strong Annual Program Plan
 - Strong Unit Funding Plan
 - Participation in Council Fundraising Sale
 - Engagement in Core Scouting Programs
 - Trained Unit Leaders
 - Support of the Scouting Movement



This is just a highlight version of the program. Full details are outlined in the Council Unit Excellence Award Program found on our website.

Your Unit Commissioner is also available to provide additional information.

Key Item is to make sure you include these metrics in your annual program plan!

Step 5 - FINANCE & FUNDING

To ensure high quality and consistent unit programming across our council, all units are required to have a strong annual program plan that focuses on delivering Iconic Scouting Experiences and are also required to follow our Council's funding policies and practices. Full details of these policies are found on our Council's website.

Annual Unit Dues:

- Scouts pay annual dues that cover the Unit's operational expenses for the year.
- The amount of the dues varies based on what things the Unit provides. Generally, dues between \$75 - \$125 are sufficient, unless the Unit pays for or subsidizes the registration fees of adult leaders.
- Annual Pack dues should be collected in October/November, giving families the opportunity to fund their Scout Accounts through a prior fundraiser. Troop, Crew, and Ship dues can be collected on a timeline that works best for the Unit's program but should give new families the opportunity to fund their Scout Accounts through a prior fundraiser.

Family Expenses:

- Families subsidize their Scouting Adventures through Scout Accounts and fundraisers.
- Participation in Iconic Scouting Experiences is important, expected, and paid for by families.
- "A Scout is Thrifty" is the ninth point of the Scout Law. Scouts are encouraged to save for the future and pay their own way.

Scout Accounts:

- Scouts can credit a reasonable amount of funds earned toward their Scouting expenses.
- All funds are the property of the Unit. Scouts cannot use funds earned for any non-Scouting purposes and cannot take the money with them if they leave Scouting. Generally, a Unit has only one bank account.
- Scout Account activity is tracked and available to view in the [Payment Log function in Scoutbook Plus](#).
- The Unit Committee may charge expenses against a Scout Account balance and families can request reimbursement for Scouting-related expenses from their Scout Accounts.
- Full details are available on our Council's website.

Fundraisers:

- [Popcorn & Spring Product Sales](#). Our Council organizes these programs to help Scouts fund their Scout Accounts. Popcorn includes a coordinated kick-off event, excellent incentive program, online payments with free credit card processing, and a 35% commission. Spring Product Sales offers multiple direct-to-consumer options.
- [Unit Fundraiser\(s\)](#). Units can organize additional fundraisers to help Scouts fund their Scout Accounts. Unit fundraisers must be pre-approved via the Unit Money-Earning Application and Units must follow the guidelines.



This is NEW. To ensure high quality and consistent unit programming across our council, all units are required to have a strong annual program plan that focuses on delivering Iconic Scouting Experiences and are also required to follow our Council's funding policies and practices.

There are two documents that outline the policies, 1 for packs and 1 for Troops, Crews, and Ships (They are the same, just some separate language). There is also an example budget available to guide you through the process.

These policies are simple, easy, and use all best practices. Many units are already doing something very similar, and the change will not be dramatic.

Read Slide sections.

Pack Annual Budget & Plan				
PACK OPERATIONAL EXPENSES		Est. Cost Per Person	# of People	Est. Total Cost
Advancement & Awards	Belt Loops, Rank Advancement, Leader Patches, etc.	\$ 40.00	25	\$ 1,000.00
New Scout Supplies	Neckerchief, Slide, etc.	\$ 30.00	5	\$ 150.00
Leader Recognition	Awards & Thank You's	\$ 50.00	1	\$ 50.00
Meeting & Program Supplies	Program Supplies	\$ 200.00	1	\$ 200.00
Annual Unit Liability Insurance	Liability Insurance	\$ 100.00	1	\$ 100.00
Adult Training Courses	Adult Camperships for Trainings	\$ 50.00	1	\$ 50.00
Woodbadge Scholarship	Adult Campership for Woodbadge	\$ 125.00	2	\$ 250.00
Scouterships/camperships	To Help Scouts in need	\$ -	-	\$ -
Unit Equipment Needs	Unit Gear / Needs	\$ 75.00	1	\$ 75.00
Pinewood Derby	Cars for Scouts / Program Supplies / Food	\$ 225.00	1	\$ 225.00
Blue and Gold Banquet	Food / Decorations / etc.	\$ 100.00	1	\$ 100.00
Adult Leader Registration	Optional: Subsidize Adult Leader Scouting Registration Fees	\$ 96.00	-	\$ -
Extra Funds	Additional Funds for Misc Expenses	\$ 50.00	1	\$ 50.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES				\$ 2,250.00
UNIT DUES		Unit Dues per Person	# of People	Est. Total Rev.
		\$ 75.00	30	\$ 2,250.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES				
PROJECTED REVENUE OVER EXPENSES				\$ -

Here is a picture of the example Pack Budget and plan that can be found on our website.

The Pack Budget pays for the units' operational expenses which are outlined in the budget spreadsheet.

Pack dues cover these expenses.

- All Packs should have a Pinewood Derby and a Blue and Gold Banquet.
- We also encourage Packs to budget funds to help adult leaders attend Wood Badge training.

In this example, \$75 annual dues is enough to cover the pack's operational expenses for the year.

Pack's should charge their annual dues in Oct/Nov. After the families have had a chance to participate in a fundraiser.

Pack Annual Budget & Plan		
FAMILY / SCOUT EXPENSES <i>(Scouts pay for what they participate in)</i>		
Pack Dues	Annual Unit Dues paid in X	\$ 65.00
Scout Uniform	Scout Uniform Shirt and Green Pants	\$ 100.00
Scout Handbook	Scout Handbook after first year	\$ 25.00
Scouting Registration Fees	Annual Scouting Registration Fees	\$ 168.00
Scouts Life Magazine	Scouting's Magazine mailed to Scouts home	\$ 24.00
Cub Haunted Campout	Day or Camping experience at Camp Nicol with Fall Festival theme and activities	\$ 55.00
Jolly Jamboree	Day activity at Camp Nicol with holiday theme and activities	\$ 30.00
Cub Activity Day/ Day Camp	Local Cub Activity Day. Activities vary by location	\$ 35.00
Cub World Campout	3-day, 2-night camping experience at Camp Nicol	\$ 175.00
Arrow of Light Campout	4-day, 3-night camping experience at Camp Nicol	\$ 225.00
		\$ -
		\$ -
		\$ -

The second half of the budget spreadsheet shows the estimated Family/Scout expenses for the year.

It begins with the unit dues, followed by other Scout related expenses.

Scouts should be participating in Iconic Scouting Experiences such as Cub Haunted, Jolly Jamboree, Cub World, etc.

Family expenses vary based on what activities the families attend.

Use Scoutbook Plus



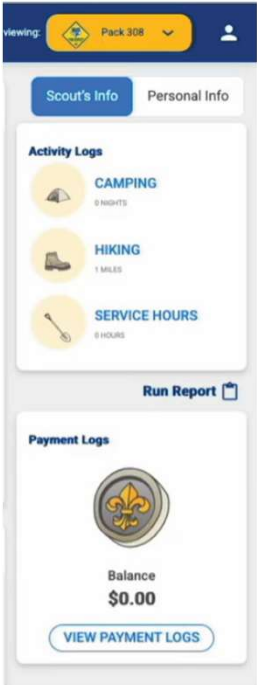
Scoutbook Plus is a modern, upgraded platform and tool for running a Scout Unit. It simplifies how Scouts, Parents, and Leaders participate and manage their progress in the program.

Adventure West Council Units are to fully utilize Scoutbook Plus.

- Track Advancement, Awards, and Merit Badges
- Record Activities like Camping, Hiking, and Service Hours
- Payment Log System to track Scout Accounts
 - Units can accept payments directly from families within Scoutbook Plus. You no longer need a 3rd party app.

Scoutbook Plus Payment Log System

- Payment Log System Tracks Scout Accounts
- Units can accept payments directly from families.
 - You no longer need a 3rd party app like PayPal or Venmo



View for Scout/Family

Scoutbook Plus Payment Log System to track Scout Accounts

Units can accept payments directly from families within Scoutbook Plus. You no longer need a 3rd party app.

This is the view from the Scout/Family

The screenshot displays the Scoutbook Plus Payment Log System interface. At the top, there is a financial summary with the following values:

- TOTAL CASH: \$1,320.00
- FEE RECEIVABLE: \$421.00
- TOTAL ASSETS: \$1,741.00
- TOTAL LIABILITIES: \$0.00
- NET ASSETS: \$1,741.00
- CASH AVAILABLE: \$1,320.00

Below the summary, there is a toggle for "Online Payment through Payment Logs for Members" and a button to "Record Unit Transaction".

The main section is titled "View for Adult Leaders" and shows a list of transactions for the "Crew Roster". The table includes columns for Name, Type, Total Charge, Paid Balance, and Balance. Two transactions show a balance due of (\$175.00) USD.

Name	Type	Total Charge	Paid Balance	Balance
[Redacted]	YOUTH	\$0.00 USD	\$0.00 USD	\$0.00 USD
[Redacted]	YOUTH	\$0.00 USD	\$0.00 USD	\$0.00 USD
[Redacted]	YOUTH	\$0.00 USD	\$0.00 USD	\$0.00 USD
[Redacted]	YOUTH	\$0.00 USD	\$0.00 USD	\$0.00 USD
[Redacted]	YOUTH	(\$175.00) USD	\$0.00 USD	(\$175.00) USD
[Redacted]	YOUTH	(\$175.00) USD	\$0.00 USD	(\$175.00) USD
[Redacted]	YOUTH	\$0.00 USD	\$0.00 USD	\$0.00 USD

Scoutbook Plus Payment Log System to track Scout Accounts

This is the view from Unit Leadership.

You can see charges, credits, balance due, etc.

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 get it 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.awbsa.org.



For Scouts BSA & Venturing Units:

The process of this meeting is the same but please remember that in Troops and Crews the youth are the ones who are holding and leading this meeting.

There are training videos on our website www.awbsa.org

Step 6 – Now that you have your calendar and finance plan completed, review it to make sure you have captured everything your units wants to do in the upcoming year.

Publish your plan and get it to each family. This can be done via a website, a printable flyer, through Scoutbook, or however your unit likes to communicate.

Program planning is an ongoing process. Review the plan regularly and make sure you are still on track.

For Scouts BSA and Venturing Units. READ SLIDE



Council & District Programs

Next we are going to highlight the key Council and District Programs for the next year!



POPCORN SALE

WHY SELL POPCORN?

- Easy way to fund your Unit's program
- Helps families subsidize their Scouting Adventures.
- Scouts learn life lessons by "earning their own way".
- Amazon Gift Card Prizes!
- Sell online to friends and family out of town.
- App allows ALL Scouts to accept Credit Cards.
- Show-n-sell locations secured by Trails-End and available for sign-up directly from the app!



CALENDAR

Virtual Leader Training: 9:30am Saturday, July 11th
 Scout Kick-off Party: Saturday, Aug 8th

Order #1 Due: Tuesday, Aug 4
 Order #1 Pickup: Aug 14-15
 Amnesty Return Days: Sept 14-16
 Order #2 Due: Monday, Sept 14
 Order #2 Pickup: Friday, Sept 25
 Storefront End Date: Sunday, Nov 1
 Order #3 Due: Monday, Nov 9
 Order #3 Pickup: Friday, Nov 13
 BIG SPIN PARTY: Saturday, Mar 6

COMMISSION STRUCTURE!

35% - Flat Rate on both Traditional & Online sales.
Flat Rate will help families easily know how much they are raising to subsidize their Scouting adventures.
 Example: sell \$1,000 = \$350 in your Scout's Account

INCENTIVES!

- Scouts will receive a patch for selling at least one item!
- Scouts will earn Gift Card Prizes based on their sales!
- Scouts will earn 4% of their sale toward their scholarship account! (*Min of \$3,000+ in sales to qualify*)
- All Sales must be recorded in the Trail's End App to count toward incentives.

CHAMPIONSHIP SELLERS!

\$5,000 = Championship Ring &
 Free Cub World/AOL for Scout & Parent
 or \$250 off Summer Camp/High Adventure
 (*In-Council camps only*)
 \$10,000 = Championship WWE BELT
 \$20,000 = Championship Experience



BIG SPIN PARTY!



Mar 6 - Our top 50 selling Scouts will be invited to the BIG SPIN Party!

- Food, Fun & Recognition!
- A "Top 50" Sellers Club T-shirt!
- Spin the PRIZE WHEEL for fabulous prizes!
 (for every \$2,000 of product sold, a Scout will earn a spin.)

Our Council provides multiple fundraising options throughout the year.

Popcorn is the big one.

- 35% commission
- Great Prizes, Kick-off, incentives, and more!

August 8th is the Scout Popcorn Kick-off! Make sure to attend!

Digital Sales (Year-Round)

Scouts can sell a variety of direct to consumer products through Scouting America's Digital Sales platform. Using your my.scouting.org log-in information, Scouts are able to sell a variety of items that ship directly to consumers. The

Scouting America x Krispy Kreme
Fuel Adventure!
 SUPPORT LOCAL SCOUTING.
 BUY ONLINE. REDEEM IN-STORE.

Support Troop 9!
 From 1/22/24 to 6/1/24
 Scan the Code!
 1 product available
 Thanks for being a part of our journey!
 Scouting America

Our Council provides multiple fundraising options throughout the year.

Digital Sales

- This is a year-round opportunity provided by National.
- Using your my.scouting account log-in families can participate in multiple **direct to consumer** sales options.
 - Krispy Cream was a big hit this past year
 - Customer purchased online and redeem in their local store
- Available Products change on a regular basis.

Mystic Monk Coffee & Tea (Spring)



We are excited to bring back Mystic Monk Coffee and Tea products as an option for Scouts to sell again this spring. Made in Wyoming by the Carmelite Monks. The products are inexpensive and a great way to generate funding.

Our Council provides multiple fundraising options throughout the year.

Spring Sale – Mystic Monk Coffee & Tea

- Very popular item for our units
- Made in Wyoming by Carmelite Monks.
- Great fundraising option in the spring.

<p>Wood Badge</p>  <p>Wood Badge is the ultimate leadership training program for adult leaders. The 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. We promise you friendship, camaraderie, knowledge, personal awareness, and most of all fun! The 5-day course is split over two weekends.</p> <p>2026 Course: Aug 28th - 30th and Sept 12th - 13th @ Camp Laramie Peak www.awbsa.org/woodbadge/</p>	
<p>National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)</p> <p>NYLT is an inspiring six-day program, designed to provide youth with communication, planning, interpersonal skills, and experience that they can use in their home units and in other life situations. This is a challenging, hands-on, outdoors leadership training experience led by their own Scout BSA peers. Scouts must be 13+ and at least First-Class Rank, or a registered Venturer. This is an inspiring leadership course that ALL Scouts should attend!</p> <p>2026 Course: June 7th -13th @ Camp Laramie Peak 2027 Course: June 6th - 12th @ Camp Laramie Peak www.awbsa.org/nylt/</p>	
	<p>University of Scouting & College of Commissioner Science</p> <p>Attention Adults! Whether you are new to Scouting or a veteran, University of Scouting and College of Commissioner Science have something for you! This annual one-day supplemental training event offers classes that emphasize programs, skills, and resources to help you deliver high quality opportunities your Scouting youth. Come and learn practical skills and gain valuable knowledge in a fun and festive atmosphere. Be the best leader you can be!</p> <p>Saturday, January 30, 2027 @ Laramie County Community College, Cheyenne www.awbsa.org/university-of-scouting/ www.awbsa.org/college-of-commissioner-science/</p>

WoodBadge

- This is an amazing training for unit leaders
- Adults that attend return and complete 5 Goals specifically designed to make your Scout Unit better.
- It is highly advantageous to your unit to have adults attend Wood Badge.
- We highly recommend that your unit budget funds to offer full or partial Scholarships to attend and send at least 2 adults to every course.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

- For Scouts 13+ and 1st class rank.
- Leadership training course.

University of Scouting

- This is a fun day and a great training opportunity in November that covers all sorts of things.
- Look for more information to come out including the course list.

Additionally, our District's offer multiple Leader Specific Trainings and Outdoor Leader Trainings throughout the years.

Summer Camp at Ben Delatour Scout Ranch

Horsemanship Merit Badge!

BDSR Rodeo Olympics!

Monster Mountain!

Amazing Climbing!

Chuck Wagon Dinner & Hoedown!

Cowboy Action Shooting!

Afternoon Programs

- Canoeing & Kayaking
- Climbing
- Mountain Biking
- Sporting Archery
- Rifle & Shotgun Open Shooting
- Hiking
- Horse Rides inside the corral
- Service Projects
- Fishing!

Western Fun!

Hiking!

OLDER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Conquer the Thumb!

ATV Program!

SCOUTS BSA

ACCOMMODATIONS

Tents & Cots

2-person 7x9 canvas wall tents.
Cots are available to RENT.

Individual Showers

Excellent shower house with 24 private stalls with on-demand hot water and 4 flush toilets.

Attend Scouts BSA Summer Camp at BDSR!



Summer Camp at Camp Buffalo Bill



Summer Camp at Camp Buffalo Bill

Learn to Tie Flies!



Shoshone Stampede!



Buffalo Bill's Most Wanted!



TROOP ADVENTURE DAY!

Wednesday is Troop Adventure Day! This is your day to take advantage of the amazing activities and once-in-a-lifetime opportunities located in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. You can leave camp as early as you'd like and we ask that you return to camp before 11pm. Below is a list of ideas to help you plan out your day.



Battle of the Tetons!



Range Activities!



Polar Plunge Challenge!



Amazing Fishing!



Make New Friends!



Branding & Metalwork!





Wintercamp at Ben Delatour Scout Ranch



TRAIL TO 1ST CLASS

This program is for new Scouts that need to complete rank advancement. The program focuses on items that are harder for local units to complete at normal troop meetings.

Arrow of Light Scouts can register to attend Wintercamp with the Troop they plan to join, however the Scout MUST earn their Arrow of Light Award and Crossover/Transfer into the troop prior to December 27th. We highly encourage this as the Trail to First Class program is a great way to kick-off your Scouts BSA Adventure!



AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

We expect the following programs to be available during the afternoon, subject to weather:

Archery | Rifle | Board Games & Competitions | GoGo Ball | 9-Square | Hawk & Knife Throwing
Extra Merit Badges (Offerings announced daily) | Mountain Biking & Boarding (Subject to weather)



EVENING PROGRAMS

27th - Opening Campfire
28th - Glow-in-the-dark Range Activities! Board Games! Movie with Snacks!
29th - Closing Campfire

Over 20 Merit Badges!

Dec 27 – 30

4-Day, 3-Night

\$300 Per Scout

Unit Registration

2 Free Adults

2026 Winter Camp Schedule

Time	Sunday 12/27	Monday 12/28	Tuesday 12/29	Wednesday 12/30
6:45 AM			Scoutmaster Service	
7:50 AM			Morning Assembly	
8:00 AM			Breakfast	
8:00 AM		WB Session A	WB Session B	WB Session C
11:30 AM	Camp Check-In			
12:00 PM			Lunch	
12:45 PM		Sr. Patrol Leader Meeting (2A-Frame)		Patrol Advancement Sign-up
1:30 PM	WB Session A	WB Session B	WB Session C	
4:00 PM				
4:00 PM	Open Program Activities (Archery & Rifle, Board Games, GoGo Ball, 9-Square, Hawk & Knife Throwing, Mountain Biking, Mountain Boarding, Extra Merit Badges, Scouting Museum, and more!)			
6:30 PM				
6:00 PM	Evening Activities Dinner			
6:00 PM				
7:30 PM	B-Glow Opening Campfire	Glow in the Dark Range Activities (2D Range)	Board Games (2D Dining Hall)	B-Glow Closing Campfire
8:30 PM			8:30pm Movie with Snacks (2D Dining Hall)	
10:00 PM	Scoutmaster Meeting - Quiet Time			

Happy New Year!!!
Drive Home Safe!

Wintercamp.

New Location – BDSR.

Over 20 Merit Badges
4-day, 3-night experience
2 Free adults per unit.



Yellowstone High Adventure Outpost

Pick from 5 AMAZING Adventures!

- YHAO Backpacking - Yellowstone! 5-Day Backpacking Adventure!
- YHAO Backpacking - Shoshone! 5-Day Backpacking Adventure!
- YHAO Kayak! 5-Day Kayak Trek Adventure in Yellowstone!
- YHAO Rock & River! Climbing and Whitewater Adventure! (June only)
- YHAO Mountaineering! - NEW IN 2027!



2026 Dates
Weekly June 27- July 18th

2027 Dates
Weekly June 6-July 17

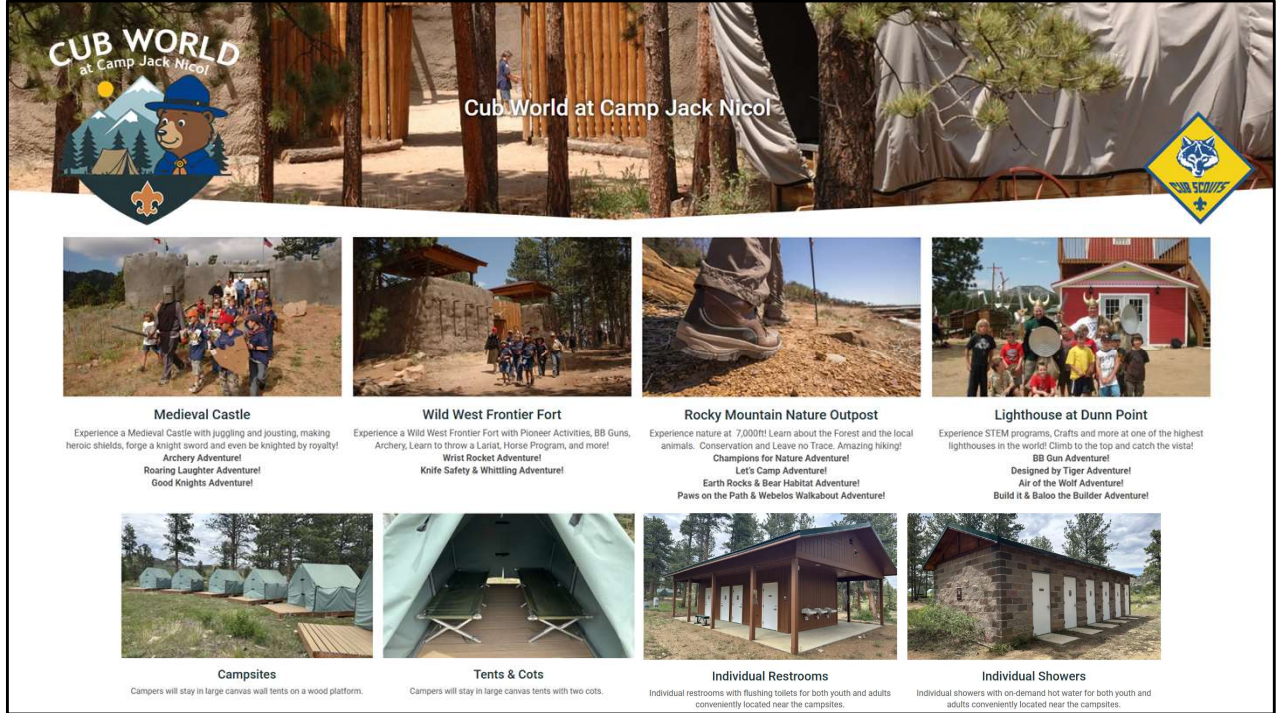


Yellowstone High Adventure Outpost is a great high adventure program for older scouts.

5 Adventures all in the Yellowstone ecosystem.

New in 2027 – YHAO Mountaineering!

(If they ask, Elkhorn High Adventure is




Cub World at Camp Jack Nicol! We have a CUB WORLD! This is the absolute BEST Cub Scout Experience out there!
 This is a 3-day, 2-night overnight camping experience.

Cub will visit 4 uniquely themed program areas where they will have immersive experiences based on that program.

- A Medieval Castle, A Wild West Frontier Fort, Rocky Mountain Nature Outpost, & Lighthouse at Dunn Point.

Camp Jack Nicol has great accommodations including:

- All meals are included and served in the Dining Hall 3 times a day with plenty of delicious options including a salad & breakfast bar. All dietary needs are accommodated.
- Housing is 7x9 Cabin Tents with 2 army cots on a wood platform.
- Individual Showers & Restrooms with flushing toilets.
- Charging stations for phones and devices (Take lots of pictures)






Arrow of Light Camp


July 9th, 2026
July 8th, 2027

Arrow of Light Adventures!


- First Aid Adventure
- Knife Safety Adventure
- Estimations Adventure
- Fishing Adventure
- Paddle Craft Adventure
- Archery Arrow of Light Adventure
- Slingshot Adventure
- BB Guns Adventure
- Summertime Fun (1 activity!)
- Outdoor Adventurer
- Monster Mountain Hike
- Scouting Heritage Museum

Fishing Adventure



Knife Safety Adventure



Range & Target Adventures

Arrow of Light Camp is a special 4-day, 3-night camping adventure designed just for Arrow of Light Scouts. (Typically Scouts entering 5th grade)

Scouts will complete multiple program adventures and get a big head start on the program year.

Highlight activity is hiking to the top of Monster Mountain for lunch, then heading over to BDSR Summer Camp for Fishiing, Paddlecraft, & the Scouting Museum!



Enjoy a great Cub Scout **holiday event at Camp Nicol!**

Winter activities, crafts, and games
Range and target sports,



Cub Haunted Weekend Campout at Camp Nicol

Oct 16-18, 2026

Oct 23-25, 2026

Oct 15-17, 2027

Oct 23-24, 2027

Program Time Activities!

- Haunted Hayrides!
- Climbing Tree!
- Archery, Range & Target Sports!
- Night Range Activities! (After Dark)
- Scary & Not-So-Scary Haunted Castle! (After Dark)
- Not-so-Scary Haunted Trail! (After Dark)
- Costume Contest!
- Nature Hikes!
- Pumpkin Carving!
- Face-Painting!
- Field Games!
- GaGa Ball!
- Cub Scout Obstacle Course!
- Arts, Crafts, & so much more!



Cub Haunted Weekend is an MUST for all of our Cub Scout Packs.

- Held at Camp Jack Nicol
- Scouts will do all sorts of fun activities including (read slide)

BACK TO THE PACK EVENTS



Hold a “Back to the Pack” event in July or early August to begin your new program year and organize your recruitment efforts.

The purpose is to help your Pack get ready for the fall by re-engaging your current members and recruiting needed leadership before the school year starts. Many Packs will hold a picnic or similar event to draw in existing families and start the new program year off right.

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Packs that recruit the most youth have a coordinated recruitment plan that all current families participate in. These efforts are set up in advance, often at the Back to the Pack event. As part of the meeting we encourage you to engage your families in sharing their Cub Scout experience with others and help with the packs fall recruitment efforts.

Council Events - September

ADVENTURE WEST COUNCIL

Annual

CAMPORALL!!!

**Sept 18th - 20th
at Camp Laramie Peak**

Arrow of Light Scouts and parent!
Scouts BSA! Venturing! Adults!
Registered Alumni!



Tons of activities from:

- Completely Open Program!
- Party Central!
- Range & Target Activities!
- Imagination Station!
- Adventure Programs!
- Frontier Village!
- Leadership Heights!



The Council Camporall is the largest event of the year for our Council!
Over 500 attend and it is a complete and total BLAST! Don't miss this!

Council Events - April



Council Recognition Banquet!
April 10th, LCCC, Cheyenne WY

Help us recognize our 2026 Eagle Scouts, Silver Beaver Award Recipients, District Award of Merit Recipients, James E. West Fellows, and other volunteers who have made an impact in Scouting during the past year.



Eagle Scouts that attend will be recognized with a special commemorative Council patch that can be worn on their uniform.

Make sure to attend our Annual Council Banquet in April.

Units will receive their recognition for the Council Unit Excellence Award.

Eagle Scouts will be recognized

Adult volunteers will be recognized.

It is a great day of Scouting fellowship!

Key District Events

Visit awbsa.org



Welcome to the Adventure West Council

Scouting America – Adventure West Council delivers the promise of Scouting to youth in Northern Colorado, Western Nebraska, and Wyoming. Our programs provide families with fun and adventure, friendship, education, service, and leadership! We operate 5 camping properties and have 3 service centers.

The Council website is the best place for up-to-date information. Check it often.



**PROGRAM PLANNING
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