Greater Niagara Frontier Council 2020 – 2021 Program Resource Guide and Calendar





June 2020

To: GNFC Scouters and Friends

From: Darlene Sprague, Council President Joe Lane, Council Commissioner Gary Decker, Scout Executive

This Program Planning Guide is designed to provide you and your unit the tools necessary to plan out a great year of Scouting for you and your Scouts. We have included updated materials to assist you in your planning and to provide information on a variety of activities planned for the coming year including many links and QR (Quick Response) codes to resources through BSA. Also check out our website <u>www.wnyscouting.org</u> for current information and updates. We welcome your feedback.

Your unit leadership is the most important element when it comes to program planning for your Scouts. It is our hope that you will use these materials to help plan an annual program that is exciting, safe, fun and educational for everyone in your unit. Don't hesitate to call on your Commissioner, your District Staff, and the Program Committees to assist you where needed. If you are not sure who to call, reach out to the council service center at 891-4073 and we can help you get the right resource. We now have volunteers sitting at the front desk, waiting to help you when you walk in, or answer the phone when you call, we call them Scouters with Skills.

Come in and see us on Genesee Street soon! The Niagara Frontier Scout Shop is located off the main lobby and is ready to meet your Scouting needs and always has new and different merchandise! The staff is ready to assist you and help you find just about anything you are looking for, so come in and say hello. The Niagara Frontier Scout Shop is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

We strive to provide the very best customer service experience each time you come and visit us at the Richard E. Garman Scouting Center, our camps, or whenever we interact. Please let us know how we are doing. Remember, our Scouting Center is a service center, so please let us know how we can <u>serve</u> <u>you</u>. The council offices are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Thank you for the leadership you give to our youth in Scouting. The time and resources you give are invaluable...but worth it! On behalf of the entire Greater Niagara Frontier Council, THANK YOU and have a great Scouting year.

Council Facilities

Richard E. Garman Scouting Center

2860 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, NY 14225 – (716) 891-4073 - Fax (716) 891-4008 Field and Program Services, Registration Services Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm <u>www.wnyscouting.org</u>

Niagara Frontier Scout Shop

Inside the Council Service Center. (716) 891-1689 – Fax (716) 891-1910 Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, Sat. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Closed Sunday & Monday (Hours Subject to Change) Email all inquiries to Lisa.Seely@scouting.org

Greater Niagara Frontier Council Camps

Offering outdoor programs and training courses at three council-owned camps in Western New York and at Algonquin Provincial Park, Ontario, Canada.

Camp Schoellkopf

Burrough Road - Cowlesville, New York 14037 - (585) 591-1171 Ranger: Steven Slazak. Located in Cowlesville, Wyoming County, NY. Offers short-term cabin, lean-to, and tent camping rentals (September – May), Project COPE ropes course, BSA training courses and Council/District Events.

Camp Scouthaven

10784 Route #98 - Freedom, New York 14065 - (716) 492-4429

Rangers: David & Jake Ashley. Located in Freedom, Cattaraugus County, NY. Offers short-term cabin, lean-to, and tent camping rentals (September – May), Cub Scout & Scouts, BSA Summer Resident Camp, BSA training courses and Council/District Events.

Camp Stonehaven

Albright Road - Sanborn, New York 14131 - (716) 731-5959

Caretaker: Jerry Sullivan. Located in Sanborn, Niagara County, NY. Offers year-round short-term cabin, lean-to, and tent camping rentals, BSA training courses and Council/District Events. Located near Niagara Falls, Niagara Frontier Family Trail sites, and Canadian border.

Name	Phone	
Gary Decker	512-6206	Scout Executive/CEO
Otto Goedhart	512-6204	Asst Scout Executive/COO
Mary Bartels	512-6210	Controller
Bob Blatz	512-6215	Onondaga Senior District Executive
Brandon Blatz	512-6214	Polaris District Executive
Warren Walter	512-6208	Red Jacket District Executive
Britney McClain	512-6212	Tatonka District Executive
Dick Hanaburgh	512-6219	Camping & Program Director
Connie Lore'	512-6205	Office Administrator
Sara Falsone	512-6216	Camping Coordinator



Improve your Unit's Finances

With the Council Popcorn Sale

Why sell popcorn???

Selling popcorn promotes the Scouting value of being Thrifty - which a Scout can and should earn his own way. By working hard, a Scout will

have a sense of accomplishment. It could be said that the Scouting adventure can be *Powered by Popcorn*.

There are many ways your unit can participate in the Popcorn sale. You can do a **Show N Sell** where you set up at a specific location, i.e. in front of Walmart Home Center, with product ready to hand out to the public as they pay for it. Another method is the **Show N Deliver** where a Scout sells and delivers the product at the same time typically door to door. The third method is the **Take Order** which would entail selling to family and friends' door to door and then delivering the product at a later date. The final and newest method is **Online Selling**. Scouts can send emails to friends and family out of town, inviting them to support them and purchase popcorn. One or all of these methods can be implemented.





Greater Niagara Frontier Council 2020

Key Popcorn Dates

- <u>Wednesday, June 24th</u> Popcorn Extravaganza & Training (Virtual Event)
- <u>Wednesday, July 1st</u> Show and Sell System begins to accept orders
- <u>Saturday</u>, <u>August 1st</u> Scouts personal sales website available for orders
- <u>Tuesday, August 4th</u> Popcorn & Membership Kickoff Event
- <u>Thursday, August 6th</u> Unit Show and Sell Orders Due
- <u>Friday, August 21st & Saturday, August 22nd</u> Show and Sell Distribution
- <u>Saturday, October 24th</u> Show and Sell Returns Due
- <u>Sunday, October 25th</u> Take Order Sale Ends
- <u>Monday, November 2nd</u> Unit Take Orders & Prize Orders Due
- <u>Friday, November 13th & Saturday, November 14th</u> Take Order Distribution
- <u>Tuesday, December 1st</u> All Popcorn Payments Due

The Unit's New Member Coordinators



[Note that a unit is encouraged to have co- or multiple holders of this position.]

Sustaining strong membership in a unit depends not only on having new members join the unit but also on engaging youth and their families in the unit experience so that they stay. The role of the New Member Coordinators is to ensure that both of these keys to success take place.

Appointment and Support:

The New Member Coordinators are appointed by and report to the Unit Committee Chair.

The **New Member Coordinators** work with and are supported by the District Membership Chair as well as by unit leadership, the sponsoring organization, and commissioners.

Responsibilities:

In general, <u>all New Member Coordinators</u>:

Serve as welcoming ambassadors for the unit.

Work with the unit committee in developing and implementing the Unit Membership Plan.

Participate in New Member Coordinator training and collaborate with the district membership team.

Specific responsibilities for <u>each</u> New Member Coordinator should be determined by the unit's New Member team depending on individual interests and the needs of the unit. The tasks and opportunities listed below should help to guide the planning for individual and shared responsibilities.

Each of the three action elements listed should be included in the Unit Membership Plan developed with the leadership of New Member Coordinators:

1. Share the benefits of Scouting.

- a. Develop and share your own Scouting story, showing the impact of Scouting on your family.
- b. Identify and access research data and local examples confirming the fun and value of Scouting to youth, families, and the community.
- c. Promote Scouting benefits through social media and other avenues of communication.
- d. Showcase Scouting through engagement in local community events and service.

2. Coordinate unit recruitment.

- a. Oversee unit recruitment efforts such as joining events, informational presentations, and peer-topeer initiatives.
- b. Appeal to potential youth members and their families through well-designed and widelydistributed invitations shared through electronic media, handouts, and personal contacts.
- c. Ensure that the unit's BeAScout pin is up-to-date and that prompt follow-through takes place.
- **d.** Collaborate with local school representatives and community leaders, particularly in the chartered organization, to foster promotion of Scouting opportunities.

3. Guide the joining and welcoming process for youth and their families.

- a. Help youth and adults to greet newcomers warmly and to establish friendly, enjoyable relationships so that new members form a strong sense of belonging.
- b. Develop a unit welcome packet, electronically and/or in print, to answer frequently asked questions and to provide resource and contact information.
- c. Ensure that youth and adult applications, transfers, and payments are promptly submitted to the council service center.
- d. Build fun and excitement about the unit program and encourage youth and their families to take pride in Scouting accomplishments.
- e. Promote feedback and sharing of ideas through customer satisfaction surveys and other means.

Fall Scouting Eligibility



Youth who are enrolled in Kindergarten can join the Lion Den in the Cub Pack. Youth who are in the first grade can join the Tiger Den in the Cub Pack. Youth who are in the second grade can join the Wolf Den in the Cub Pack. Youth who are in the third grade can join the Bear Den in the Cub Pack. Youth who are in the fourth can join the Webelo Den in the Cub Pack. Youth who are in the fifth grade can join the AOL Den.in the Cub Pack.



Youth who are in the sixth Grade OR are age 11-17 can join a Scouts, BSA Boys or Girls Troop.



Young Men and Women who are 14 years of age, or 13 years of age and in ninth grade can join a Venturing Crew.

Fall Registration Fees

GO TO: <u>www.wnyscouting.org/feechart</u> for the most up to date fee chart.

Plus, Any Unit Fees

*Boys' Life is an optional monthly magazine.

The mission of Boys' Life magazine is to entertain and educate America's youth and to open their eyes to the joyous world of reading. This is accomplished through a proven mix of news, nature, sports, history, fiction, science, comics, and Scouting. A special edition is published for Cub Scouts, with age- and program-specific content and feature articles.

Boys' Life is the magazine for all programs of Scouting. A 12-month subscription is only an additional \$12.00. Subscriptions expire three months after the expiration of your current charter year.

General Recruiting Tips & Guidelines

Be Creative. While a table with information and application on it may have a chance of bringing new scouts to your unit, it can be much more successful by adding an activity such as a photo displays of your unit in action, Raingutter Regatta track, Pinewood Derby track, model camp site, or campfire (as location allows). Don't stand or worse sit behind the table and wait for people to approach you be out front and engaging families as they walk past.

Don't Recruit Kids...Recruit Families! While at an event or sign up night make sure you pass both a Youth Application and Adult Application(s) to each adult/youth pair that approaches you. Encourage the parent to fill out both and explain to them that Scouting is a volunteer run organization and that the success of your local group depends on the willingness of parents to help out in some capacity. You can finalize how they will help and what role they will fill (Committee, Den Leader, etc) at a later time.

Respect Parents Time. Parents who are interested in signing their children up for scouting don't always have to be sold on scouting. In fact, they are usually used to the same procedures that sporting programs use – they arrive at the recruitment night ready to fill out the application and pay that night. Make sure they receive an application the first time you engage them and make every effort to collect the application from them at the same event. If the application is completed, signed and paid for as soon as possible, then their son can jump immediately into your program and you won't waste your time or the parents' time tracking down applications and money.

Once the application is complete, bring it to the GNFC office as soon as you can. If one of your unit leaders can't turn them in quickly, a Commissioner or member of the Field Staff will make arrangements to pick it up for you. This will ensure that the scout is covered under BSA's insurance should an incident occur. It also allows for the Council to immediately begin assisting the Pack with advancement tracking, and if the Scout elected to receive Boys Life his subscription will start sooner

Use the Uniform. Scouting has a great tool in the uniform as it is widely recognized among the public. Having leaders and scouts in their Field Uniform will make it clear what you are representing at recruiting events. Always consider having your scouts wear their uniform to school the day of a Boy Talk or recruiting event to raise awareness and attention.

Alternate Communication. Each community has its own unique ways of promoting community events. Make sure that your recruiting and other scouting events are in your town's community bulletins, church bulletins, websites or other channels that are available.

Unit Fact Sheet. Each Pack, Troop and Crew is highly encouraged to create a one-page Fact Sheet for use at all recruitment events and whenever appropriate. This sheet is intended to be an overview of your unit for all new families and leaders. The Council office has a sample Unit Fact Sheet for you to use if needed. You should also forward copies to your Commissioner, Membership Chairman, District Executive, sister units (Pack, Troop, Crew) so they can have information about your unit to share with your prospective families.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

Participants in kindergarten through age 20.





Same flat fee no matter when you join during the year. (no prorating) New members pay joining fee in addition to membership fee.

No joining fee for adult volunteers, Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, or those transferring from one program to another.

UNIT RECHARTER FEE

75/yr

For all new and rechartering units.

New National Membership Fee, One-Time To Join Fee & New Unit Fee - Effective August 1, 2020 -

Council Program Fee - Effective January 1, 2021

Pro-Rated Registration Chart (as of 8/1/20) All Youth Except Exploring Youth (see next chart)

	Registration	Insurance	Boys Life	Total Registration with Boys Life	Total Registration without Boys Life
August	\$27.50	\$2.50	\$5.00	\$35.00	\$30.00
September	\$22.00	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$28.00	\$24.00
October	\$16.50	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$21.00	\$18.00
November	\$11.00	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$14.00	\$12.00
December	\$5.50	\$0.50	n/a	\$6.00	\$6.00

New Members: One-Time To Join Fee - \$25 (no prorating)

All Adults & Exploring Youth (as of 8/1/20)

	Registration	Insurance	Boys Life	Total Registration with Boys Life	Total Registration without Boys Life
August	\$17.50	\$2.50	\$5.00	\$25.00	\$20.00
September	\$14.00	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$20.00	\$16.00
October	\$10.50	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$15.00	\$12.00
November	\$7.00	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$10.00	\$8.00
December	\$3.50	\$0.50	n/a	\$4.00	\$4.00

Pro-Rated Registration Chart (as of 1/1/21)

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	Registration Insurance Co		Council Fee	Boys Life	Total Registration with Boys Life	Total Registration without Boys Life
January	\$66.00	\$6.00	\$24.00	\$12.00	\$108.00	\$96.00
February	\$60.50	\$5.50	\$22.00	\$11.00	\$99.00	\$88.00
March	\$55.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$90.00	\$80.00
April	\$49.50	\$4.50	\$18.00	\$9.00	\$81.00	\$72.00
Мау	\$44.00	\$4.00	\$16.00	\$8.00	\$72.00	\$64.00
June	\$38.50	\$3.50	\$14.00	\$7.00	\$63.00	\$56.00
July	\$33.00	\$3.00	\$12.00	\$6.00	\$54.00	\$48.00
August	\$27.50	\$2.50	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$45.00	\$40.00
September	\$22.00	\$2.00	\$8.00	\$4.00	\$36.00	\$32.00
October	\$16.50	\$1.50	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$27.00	\$24.00
November	\$11.00	\$1.00	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$18.00	\$16.00
December	\$5.50	\$0.50	\$2.00	n/a	\$8.00	\$8.00

New Members: One-Time To Join Fee - \$25 (no prorating)

All Adults & Exploring Youth (as of 1/1/21)

	Registration	Insurance	Council Fee	Boys Life	Total Registration with Boys Life	Total Registration without Boys Life
January	\$42.00	\$6.00	\$24.00	\$12.00	\$84.00	\$72.00
February	\$38.50	\$5.50	\$22.00	\$11.00	\$77.00	\$66.00
March	\$35.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$70.00	\$60.00
April	\$31.50	\$4.50	\$18.00	\$9.00	\$63.00	\$54.00
May	\$28.00	\$4.00	\$16.00	\$8.00	\$56.00	\$48.00
June	\$24.50	\$3.50	\$14.00	\$7.00	\$49.00	\$42.00
July	\$21.00	\$3.00	\$12.00	\$6.00	\$42.00	\$36.00
August	\$17.50	\$2.50	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$35.00	\$30.00
September	\$14.00	\$2.00	\$8.00	\$4.00	\$28.00	\$24.00
October	\$10.50	\$1.50	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$21.00	\$18.00
November	\$7.00	\$1.00	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$14.00	\$12.00
December	\$3.50	\$0.50	\$2.00	n/a	\$6.00	\$6.00



Let's talk about one of the key elements of all successful Units and an indicator of a potentially successful year, of course that would be the unit's annual program plan and planning conference.

A research project done by Eli Lilly in Indianapolis, Indiana, showed that a common element of strong Units is they all have a good annual program planned a year in advance that is then shared with all families in the form of a calendar. The important result of a shared annual program calendar is that your unit will attract more families, and make it easier for new parents to get involved and stay longer.

Just as an aside, the other two key elements of successful Units identified in that study were training and just having the right leader to start with.

Here is how a program planning conference works. A month or two before the scheduled face-to-face conference, the unit Key 3 consisting of Charter Rep, Committee Chair and Unit Leader gather the following information:

- 1. Key school dates
- 2. Community event dates
- 3. Your Chartered Organization's dates
- 4. Personal dates that may affect your pack's activities such as the Cubmaster's anniversary cruise
- 5. District and Council dates
- 6. Collected Family Talent Survey sheets from all parents
- 7. Last year's annual plan if you have one
- 8. Priorities and Goals
- 9. Advancement needs
- 10. Journey to Excellence form

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

- 1. All Committee Members
- 2. All Den Leaders, and Assistants
- 3. Chartered Organization Representative
- 4. Your Unit Commissioner (optional)
- 5. Anyone else you think might be helpful, such as other parents
- 6. YOUTH for Scouts, BSA, Venturing, and Exploring

Before you start the planning process: Explain to the group the importance of annual program planning, why you are doing it, and the rules for the process during this meeting.

Step 1: This part is easy. Just take the dates you collected and put them into your unit's master calendar—either on a hard copy or by plugging the information into an electronic calendar on a computer.

Step 2: Before you begin rounding out the master calendar with things you want to do, review what you did last year. You might even want to write what you come up with on a flip chart or dry erase board. Ask questions like, what events went well, what events didn't go so well? Did we earn the... National Summertime Pack Award? National Outdoor Awards Program? The 50-Miler Award? The Emergency Preparedness BSA Award? The Journey to Excellence Award? How did we do with attendance? Did we participate in Scout Camp? Did we sell popcorn?

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: Do some brainstorming on activities your unit might want to do in addition to meetings. This could be things such as a pinewood derby, winter event, family picnic, first-aid training, Niagara Frontier Trail Medal, and so on. 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 you might want to do, start prioritizing the list. Is a particular activity something for a weekend or a meeting topic?

Take a vote on which activities to include on in the meeting schedule, then add the activities to your calendar.

Step 4: By now, the calendar should be taking shape. It should include school and community dates, holidays, some personal conflict dates, Unit meetings, including Den or Patrol meetings, and District and Council dates. The next step is to assign the person who will be responsible for each event, as well as Den/Patrol responsibilities at a specific meeting. This would include names, like "Bob Smith" will be the chair for the blue and gold banquet.

If you are really ambitious, you can even put in event details such as, "Bob will send invitation and assignments to each family by January 1," and, "By November 1, we will get confirmation from the school we can use the cafeteria." Remember that good planning and preparation will lead to family satisfaction. Some of this might have to come after your program planning conference, if you choose activities now and have to recruit chairs later. However, if you know you will be doing some activities again such as your blue and gold banquet, you might already have a commitment from "Bob" by the time the program planning conference happens.

Step 5: You're almost finished. The final step is to review your annual plan to ensure you have captured everything you and your families want to do in the upcoming year. Once you feel comfortable, publish or email your annual plan to each family. A reminder that not everyone has an email account, so be sure your distribution reaches all families. They will feel much more a part of your unit and be able to plan their own family calendar with the pack's calendar in hand. Sharing the annual plan with your families could be the most important step in retaining your Scouts and building tenure, so don't shortcut this one.

Step 6: Annual program planning is an ongoing process. Review the plan each month at your pack leaders' meeting to make sure you are still on track, to recruit chairs and other help, you participate in important meetings, or to make assignments or changes as needed.

A great program plan leads to a great Unit, which leads to Scouts and their families staying and growing in Scouting.

Good luck! You are taking a big step toward being a great Unit!

Scouting's Journey to Excellence is the BSA's planning, performance, and recognition program designed to encourage and reward the success of our units, districts and councils. It is meant to encourage excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA.



For more information please visit https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/

Leader Training



Leader Training Requirements

In 2013 the Greater Niagara Frontier Council Board approved the Council Training Committee recommendation that 100% of all unit leadership is trained within 90 days of being registered in their current position. This is the Greater Niagara Frontier Councils vision of "every youth member deserves a trained leader". By having a trained leader, the quality of the unit's program will excel and benefit the Scouting experience for all involved.

All leaders must have their Basic Leader training completed within 90 days of registering in their position. (Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors, Skippers, Den Leaders, All Assistant Leader Positions, Committee Chairs, Committee Members, Charter Organization Representatives, Merit Badge Counselors, District Members at Large, Council Members at Large. etc)

To be considered compliant, these positions must have completed their Basic Leader training, and be current in Youth Protection training.

<u>Youth Protection Training – All applicants for Adult membership are required to take this training,</u> proof of training is required with Adult Application.

Youth Protection Training can be done online at: <u>www.my.scouting.org</u>

Adult Training requirement can be found at: www.scouting.org/training/adult/

If a new unit leader is recruited prior to unit's re-charter date, every attempt must be made to be trained in their position in order for the unit to renew its charter.

Updating Training Records

Please help your training team keep our records up to date, by working with us, and the commissioner staff to enter your membership ID number on your my.scouting.org profile and providing us with copies of trained certificates for any training that our records show are inaccurate.

Any questions, please contact our Council Training Team

Council Training Chair – Marc Muroff (marc.muroff@gmail.com) Council Training Staff Advisor – Dick Hanaburgh (dick.hanaburgh@scouting.org))



2021 SCOUTS, BSA SUMMER RESIDENT CAMP

MERIT BADGE CLASSES ***COPE***S.T.E.M***INDEPENDENT STUDY

TROOP CAMPING OR PROVISIONAL

WEEK 1: July 18TH – July 23TH

WEEK 2: July 25TH – July 30TH

WEEK 3: Aug. 1^{ST} – Aug. 6^{TH}

2021 CUB SCOUT RESIDENT SUMMER CAMP 4 DAYS, 3 NIGHTS

SESSION 1: July 4TH – July 7TH

SESSION 2: July 10TH – July 13TH

SESSION 3: Aug. 8^{TH} – Aug. 11^{TH}

SESSION 4: Aug. 13^{TH} – Aug. 16^{TH}



BIRCHBARK EXPEDITIONS BSA Greater Niagara Frontier Council Boy Scouts of America

Dear Scouts, Venturers and Parents,

It is with great pleasure that we present a challenging high adventure program for Venturers and Older Scouts. **BIRCHBARK EXPEDITIONS BSA** is a <u>fully</u> <u>guided</u>, seven-day canoe trip, steeped in the rich *Age* of *Exploration* history of our area. The voyages take place in Algonquin Provincial Park, and on the wilderness rivers of northern Ontario, which offers some of the best canoe tripping in Canada.

The Greater Niagara Frontier Council, BSA, has developed a program specifically designed to bring teenagers to the northwoods, and to bring adventure to teenagers. In the process nature will give us an ideal opportunity to help mold them in to men and women strong, confident, resourceful - who can work towards a goal with their peers, and who can become good stewards of our natural environment.

As a Scoutmasters ourselves, and as a parents of teenage children, we know how important good, wholesome, challenging programs are for our young men and women. If we could, we would help every Scout and Venturer become a Voyageur!

David Bliss and Alan Percy Birchbark Expedition Program Chairs

Eligibility for Birchbark Expeditions

Age 13 by September 1st <u>of the year of your trip</u>. First Class Rank; BSA Blue Swimmer-Swim 100 yards

INVITATION TO ADVENTURE 2021 SEASON

FULLY GUIDED CANOE TRIPS INTO THE CANADIAN NORTHWOODS

ALGONQUIN PARK 7-DAY CANOE TRIP

Session 1 -	Sat, July 10	through Sat, July 17
Session 2 -	Sat, July 17	through Sat, July 24
Session 3 -	Sat, July 24	through Sat, July 31
Session 4 -	Sat, July 31	through Sat, Aug 7
Session 5 -	Sat, Aug 7	through Sat, Aug 14

Fees for 2021 will be available on the Council Website: www.wnyscouting.org/Birchbark

*Secure your reservation with a \$400/crew deposit before January 1, and get a \$25/person early-bird discount!

Fee covers all back-country food, camping permits, use of canoes and crew gear, and support by a highly trained guide. Transportation to/from Algonquin and some personal gear is not included.

FULLY GUIDED

With Highly Trained and Experienced Guides

AFFORDABLE

An Excellent Value for all Scouts

TURN-KEY

With all crew gear, backcountry food, permits and logistics included

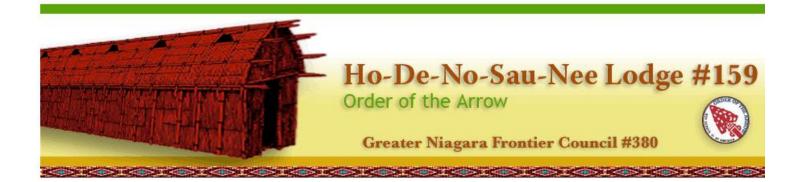
CLOSE BY

Within one day's drive from Western NY, PA, OH and MI

CUSTOMIZABLE

Flexible itineraries to match crew capabilities

Secure your reservation online at: www.wnyscouting.org/Birchbark



The Order of the Arrow - 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. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long-term resident camping, and providing 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.

Induction Ordeal - The induction ceremony, called the Ordeal, is the first step toward full membership in the Order. During the experience, candidates maintain silence, receive small amounts of food, work on camp improvement projects, and sleep apart from other campers. The entire experience is designed to teach significant values. All candidates for membership must complete the Ordeal.

Brotherhood Membership - After 10 months of service as an Ordeal member and fulfilling certain requirements, a member may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the Order.

Vigil Honor - After two years of exceptional service as a Brotherhood member Arrowmen may be chosen for this high honor with the approval of the national Order of the Arrow committee. A Scout or Scouter may be recognized with the Vigil Honor for their distinguished contributions to their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout camp. This honor is bestowed by special selection and is limited to one person for every 50 members registered with the lodge each year.

2020-21: Lodge Chief: Ben Bodkin

2020-21: Lodge Adviser: Larry Jones



Visit us online at <u>www.oalodge159.org</u> for more details including eligibility requirements and upcoming dates.



Where Do I Find That? Services for Your Scout Unit

There are many resources available to you as parents and Leaders in the Greater Niagara Frontier Council and the Boy Scouts of America. The following are a list of just a few:

The Internet: What did we do without this marvelous tool? Today you can find just about anything on the Internet and Scouting is no exception. Here are a few important websites to keep in mind.

<u>www.wnyscouting.org</u> – Greater Niagara Council Website; local information on events, training, camping, and program resources

<u>www.scouting.org</u> – National Council Website; national resources, forms, and information

<u>my.scouting.org</u> – Website portal maintained by the national office; position specific access some of the types of things available are online training, online advancement, online applications, service hour reporting

<u>www.scoutbook.com</u> - Scoutbook is the BSA's online unit management tool and helps Scouts, parents and leaders track advancement and milestone achievements along the Scouting trail. Scoutbook is Free to all Units to use.

Scouting Books, Manuals, and Training: Many times what you are looking for is in the leader handbooks, program guides, youth handbooks, etc. In addition, training opportunities like New Leader Essential and Leader Specific Training provide you with the tools and resources to the most asked questions.

The District Committee: The District functions to support the unit's program. Contact your District leadership if you have a problem or concern within your unit. They stand prepared to help.

Roundtable (Leaders Meetings/Leaders' Summit): Monthly meetings hosted by the district to support the unit's program. Experienced leaders share ideas and best practices while teaching new skills and offer training including Youth Protection and Life to Eagle.

Commissioner's Staff: The commissioner's staff provides direct and continuous help and guidance in unit operations to leaders. The staff also can deliver District programs to units, and provide resources to meet the needs of the unit. Simply put, the Commissioner Service gives unit leaders the personal coaching they need to run successful units.

Council Service Center: The Greater Niagara Frontier Council stands ready to answer your questions and provide you with all the assistance you need in preparing the young people you are working with to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

District Professional: These are individuals employed by the Greater Niagara Frontier Council to manage the programs and organizations of a specific District. The Professionals main job is to recruit and train the volunteers who run the day-to-day operation of the Scouting program. The Professional provide support and guidance to all level of volunteers from the new Lion Parent to the District Chair, doing everything from making copies to fundraising.

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16 OA Summer Fellowship	17	18 RJ Cmsr/Cmte Kick-off	19 Council Individual Mtgs.	20	21 Show & Sel Popcorn Sales Starts	22 Distribution Bow Hunter Safety Course
23	24	25	26 PO Cmsr/Cmte Mtgs.	27 LobsterFest	28	29
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20 OA FW Fall Induction	21	22 RJ Cmte Mtg.	23 ON Cmsr/Cmte Mtgs. PO Cmsr/Cmte Mtgs.	24	25 OA ON/SEN	26 Fall Induction
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18 Fall Cycling Camporee	19	20	21 Council Coordinated Mtg.	22	23	24 Halloween Fun Day Show & Sell Returns Due Ten Commandments Hike
25	26	27 RJ Cmte Mtg.	28 ON Cmsr/Cmte Mtgs. PO Cmsr/Cmte Mtgs.	29	30	31 Halloween

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8	9	10 RJ Cmsr Mtg.	11 ON District Leaders Mtg PO & TA Leadership Summit Veterans Day	12	13 Unit Take Ord	14 ers Distribution
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6	7 Council Training Cmte OA LEC	8 BBX Info Night RJ Cmsr Mtg.	9 ON District Leaders Mtg. PO & TA Leadership Summit	10	11 Chanukah/Hanukkah (first day) OA Lodge Bowling	12
13	14	15 ON District Annual Mtg.	16	17 RJ District Annual Mtg.	18 Last Day of Chanukah	19 OA Vigil Breakfast
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17	18 Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed	19 RJ Leaders Mtg.(B)	20 Council Individual Mtgs.	21	22	23
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7 Scout Sunday (Catholic)	8 Scouting Birthday	9 RJ Cmsr Mtg.	10 ON District Leaders Mtg PO & TA Leadership Summit	11		13 IK/Kodiak Challenge r Fellowship
14 Powder Horn/OKPI OA Winter Fellowship Scout Sunday (Methodist)	15 K/Kodiak Challenge Presidents Day - Office Closed	16	17 Council Coordinated Mtg.	18	19	20
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7 OA Lodge Banquet	8	9 RJ Cmsr Mtg.	10 ON District Leaders Mtg PO & TA Leadership Summit	11	12	13 Catholic Cmte Emblem BOR ON District Pinewood Derby
14	15	16	17 Council Individual Mtgs. St Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Maple Fun Day OA Broomball
21	22	23 RJ Cmte Mtg.	24 ON Cmsr/Cmte Mtgs. PO Cmsr/Cmte Mtgs.	25	26	27 Catholic Scouting <u>Awards Ceremony</u> Scouting for Food Drive
28 Passover Starts	29	30	31	Apr 1	2	3

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4 Easter Passover Ends	5 Council Training Cmte OA LEC	6	7 TA Cmte Mtg.	8	9	10
11	12	13 Leave No Trace Trainer <u>Pre-Course</u> RJ Cmsr Mtg.	14 ON District Leaders Mtg PO & TA Leadership Summit	15 RJ Leaders Mtg.(A)	16	17
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9 OA FW Spring Inductions Mothers Day	10	11 RJ Cmsr Mtg.	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Council Coordinated Mtg.	20	21 Spring (22 Camporee
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6 OA Section Conclave	7 Council Training Cmte OA LEC	8 RJ Cmsr Mtg.	9	10	11	12 Scout Family Camping Overn SSR Beaver Day
13 Scout Family Camping Ove	14 Flag Day	15	16 Council Individual Mtgs.	17		19 ng Inductions ng Inductions Paddle Craft Safety
20 OA ON Spring Inductions OA SEN Spring Inductions Fathers Day	21	22 RJ Cmte Mtg.	23 ON Cmsr/Cmte Mtgs. PO Cmsr/Cmte Mtgs.	24	25	26
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12	13 Council Training Cmte OA LEC	14 RJ Cmsr Mtg.	15 Council Individual Mtgs.	16 RJ Leaders Mtg.(A) Yom Kippur		18 Il Induction e Weekend 1 Catholic Committee on Scouting Counselor Training
19 OA FW Fall Induction Wood Badge Weekend 1	20 BBX Fall Wrap-up	21 First Day of Sukkot RJ Leaders Mtg.(B)	22 ON Cmsr/Cmte Mtgs. PO Cmsr/Cmte Mtgs.	23	24 OA ON/SEN	25 Fall Induction
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10	11 Columbus Day	12 RJ Cmsr Mtg.	13 ON District Leaders Mtg PO & TA Leadership Summit	14	15 Fall C	16 Camporee
17 Fall Camporee	18	19	20 Council Coordinated Mtg.	21	22	23 Halloween Fun Day
24	25	26 RJ Cmte Mtg.	27 ON Cmsr/Cmte Mtgs. PO Cmsr/Cmte Mtgs.	28	29	30
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7	8	9 RJ Cmsr Mtg.	10 ON District Leaders Mtg PO & TA Leadership Summit	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16 ON Cmsr/Cmte Mtgs.	17 Council Individual Mtgs.	18	19	20
21	22	23 RJ Cmte Mtg. RJ Cmte Mtg.	24	25 Thanksgiving - Office & Scout Shop Closed	26 Black Friday - Office Closed	27
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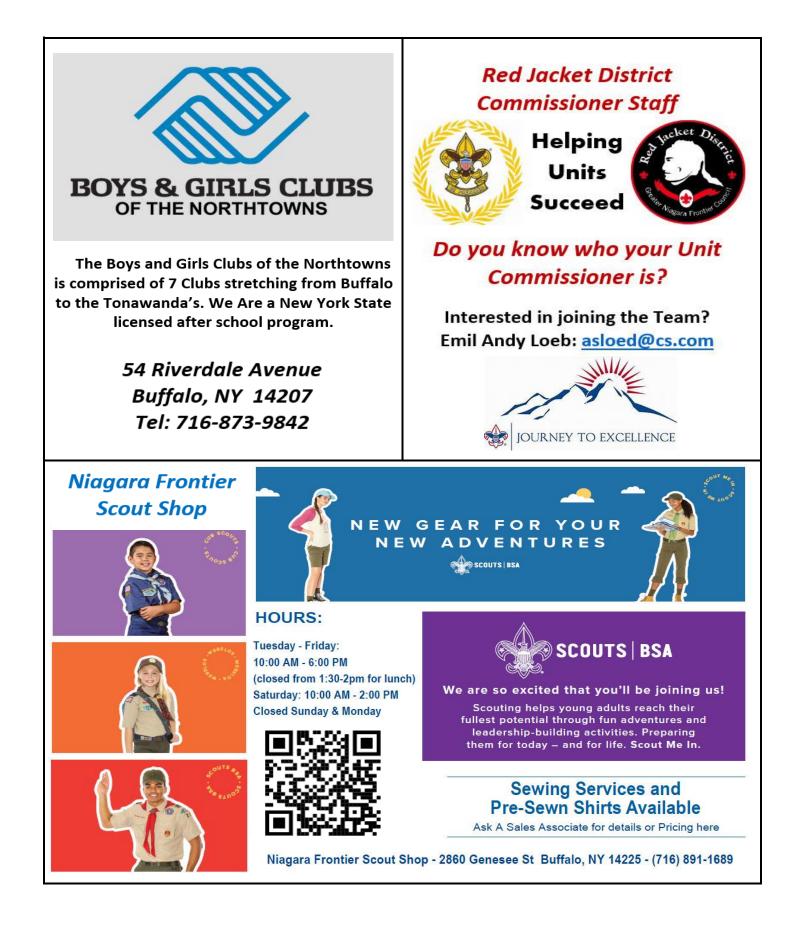
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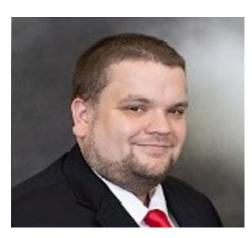
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