University of Scouting is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders with a few leadership courses aimed toward youth leaders in Troops and/or Crews. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities for the different Boy Scouts of America program areas. Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, this Extravaganza provides interesting courses in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing, Leadership Training for Adults & Youth, and General Studies courses applicable across all the Scouting programs.

March 7, 2020

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Registration Opens January 9, 2020

Register by January 20th for the early bird price to $15. After that the price increases to $20 and registrations after March 2nd will be $30. For Walk Ins, courses/ trainings offerings are based on pre-registrations.

Schedule of Events:

7:30 A.M. - Registration Begins
8:00 A.M. - Trainings Begin
9:00 A.M. - Courses Begin
12:00 P.M. - Lunch Hour
4:00 P.M. - University Ends

University of Scouting Colleges (Areas of Concentration):

College of Cub Scouting provides a wide variety of courses from pack administration to training for an outdoor program.

College of Boy Scouting provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental courses to help manage the challenges of a great troop experience. See pages 6 and 7 for potential listing of courses being offered. Course list is tentative and may change.

Most BSA basic leader training courses will be offered throughout the day for those curious souls wanting to learn about individual BSA programs or develop confidence in their leadership skills and/or begin the journey of joining the adult leadership ranks to help in their units and/or Scout.

Online Registration Concerns: If you can't find your solution in the 'Registration Help' in the side bar above, please feel free to email us at UofS@senecawaterways.org and someone will be along quickly to help you!

For more information and to register, please visit: https://scoutingevent.com/397-aos.

Support on all levels is what makes a strong and vibrant Scouting program is made possible for families in the Seneca Waterways Council. Over the next few months, volunteers will be reaching out to our families and the broader community to make investments in our programs through Friends of Scouting (FOS).

Our annual fund, aka FOS, accounts for $808,000 is being put to right back into local poor people have exceptional programs in their neighborhoods.

Most importantly, it means that over $808,000 is being put back into local programs and services both at the unit level and funding the support, services and camps of our Council.

We would like to give a special salute to the top selling Scouts in our Council who sold over $1,250 worth of popcorn and/or nuts and earned tickets to our movie premier. As of November 1, there were 138 Scouts who had met that threshold with combined sales of over $200K. We also want to give a shout-out to the Packs and Troops who went all-in on the fall sale and had an exceptional fall. They have the right strategy - partner with the Council to get their fundraising done through our fall product sale so they can spend the entire rest of the year spending it on programs.

This year we introduced Whitley’s Premium Nuts into our fall product sale mix and it make a huge difference. Our units collectively sold over $400,000 worth of tasty nuts and party mix. We are thrilled to have Whitley’s and CAMP MASTERS at our side to make great programs possible.

None of this would be possible of course without the dedication, commitment, time and talent of an incredible committee of district and unit kennels. Also, be sure to give Christine Crittenden, Council Queen of Popcorn a high five the next time you see her!

We are also proud to be able to send six Scouts to a free week of summer camp. Each of these Scouts sold at least $625 to earn their name in a drawing for a week of camp and we can’t wait to hear the stories of their experiences. (continued on page 12)
Memorials & Tributes

Memorials & Tributes are financial gifts made to the Council in honor of an individual. For more information on making a memorial gift to the Council, contact Kimberly Gunkel at 585-241-8555.

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Stay connected with us on Social Media.
If you know of any organizations interested in sponsoring Pack, Crew, or Post for boys or girls, contact the District Executive in your area or the Council office at 585-244-4210.

**UNIT #** | **ORGANIZATION**
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Troop 725 | Dundee Area Council of Churches
Post 201 | Ontario County Sheriff’s Office
Post 202 | NY Kitchen
Troop 147 | St Francis Xavier Cabrini
Crew 308 | Seneca Waterways Council BSA
Troop 179 | Mary Fellows Penfield Chapter NS DAR

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**LOUIS & SALLY LANGIE EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP**

The Louis and Sally Langie Eagle Scout Scholarship is awarded annually at the Council level to an Eagle Scout planning to attend a four-year college or university. The scholarship provides financial aid to help cover the costs of higher education and enable an Eagle Scout to achieve his career aspirations. This is a scholarship grant of $20,000.00 over four years.

**WHO CAN APPLY?**

Any Eagle Scout who earned his Award in the Seneca Waterways Council, and meets the qualifications noted below. Applicants may have earned their Award at any time prior to their request. It is not limited to Scouts earning the Award in their senior year, but you must be a graduating senior to apply.

Application forms are available online under Resources and then in the Forms section of the Council’s website at www.senecawaterways.org. Applications must be submitted by the May 1, 2020.

Mail the application to: Seneca Waterways Council, 2320 Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road, Rochester, NY 14623. The application becomes the property of the selection committee and will not be returned to the applicant. The selection committee will inform all applicants of their decision between July and August.

For more information, contact the council office at 585-244-4210.

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**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS OF THE MONTH**

**July 2019**

Truman Mortillaro
Troop 262 - Webster

Truman’s project was the design and fabrication of 72’ long wheelchair accessible boardwalk in Hickory Bark Park for the Friends of Webster Trails. One of the unique features of the project included a “bump out” section allowing wheelchairs to safely pass while on the boardwalk. The project included the efforts of over forty volunteers and over three hundred hours of volunteer time.

**August 2019**

Mason Kuhn
Troop 324 - Holley

Mason’s project was the design and fabrication of a fire pit gathering area for the Christ Chapel Wesleyan Church in Hamlin. The pavers were donated but needed to be removed from the donor’s site. The area was prepared and the recycled pavers installed and the fire pit added; four benches and a small fire wood shed were also added to the area. The project included the efforts of over forty volunteers and about four hundred hours of volunteer time.

**September 2019**

Connor Miller
Troop 110 - Ontario

Connor’s project was the design and fabrication of a 6’ x 12’ animal shelter for Nature’s Haven in Webster and the organization of a collection for supplies for the shelter. The project included the preparation of the site and the erection of the shelter building. The project included the efforts of over fifty-five volunteers and over three hundred eighty hours of volunteer time.

**September 2019**

Michael Piersall
Troop 163 - Webster

Michael’s project was the repurposing of a facility to a chapel and sacristy for Margaret Home in Rochester. The project included the complete emptying the facility and a refurbishment from ceiling to carpet. A number of pews were moved from CT and refurbishment from ceiling to carpet. A number of pews were moved from CT and a complete emptying the facility and a refurbishment from ceiling to carpet. A number of pews were moved from CT and a complete emptying the facility and a refurbishment from ceiling to carpet. A number of pews were moved from CT and a complete emptying the facility and a refurbishment from ceiling to carpet. A number of pews were moved from CT.

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**COUNCIL NEWS**

**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER & ANNUAL MEETING**

On Monday May 4th, 2020 the Council will hold its annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner and annual business meeting. Mark your calendars and plan to join us as we celebrate the volunteers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to provide amazing support to youth through Scouting. At the dinner we will recognize Silver Beaver recipients as well as Veteran Scouters and Scout units with 40 or more years of service. In addition, Cannon awards, Venturing Leadership awards and Council Training awards will be presented. The Seneca Waterways Council will also conduct its annual business meeting that evening, including the election of Board members and Officers for the 2020/2021 Scouting year. More information will follow in upcoming newsletters.

**SILVER BEAVER NOMINATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 14, 2020**

The Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award is a Council-level distinguished service award. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the Council.

This distinguished award recognizes volunteers who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is the highest recognition the Council can bestow upon an Adult leader.

Presentation of the awards will be made at the Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner and Annual Meeting on Monday, May 4th, 2020.

For the Seneca Waterways Council, to consider a volunteer for the Silver Beaver Award, the volunteer must first be duly nominated. If you would like to nominate a candidate for the Silver Beaver Award please complete the form which can be downloaded from the Council website at: www.senecawaterways.org. Any questions, contact Christine at 585-241-5850.

**NORTH STAR AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 14, 2020**

The North Star Award is a high-level award presented by councils on behalf of the National Court of Honor to nonregistered volunteers who have made a significant contribution to Scouting. It is on same level as the Silver Beaver Award, which is for registered volunteers. The nomination forms can be found in the Forms section of the Council website under Awards at www.senecawaterways.org/forms.

The deadline for the submission of nominations for the North Star Award to the Council is February 14, 2020. The Council will select the nominee to the National BSA for consideration. The North Star Award will be presented at the Council's Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner and Annual Meeting on May 4th, 2020.
EAGLE SCOUT MENTOR DINNER & GATHERING OF EAGLES

The over 200 young men in the 2019 Class of Eagle Scouts will be recognized for their remarkable achievements at the 69th Annual Eagle Scout Mentor Dinner on January 14, 2020. This banquet at Burgandy Basin celebrates the hard work and commitment of these Scouts and the leaders and parents who helped get them to this pinnacle achievement.

If there was a graduation ceremony for the Class of Eagle Scouts, this is it.

At the dinner we present the recipients of the Eagle Scout Service Project of the Month and Year, along with the winner of the Louis success of Popcorn & Nut sales and Friends of Scouting. While the funds are offsetting a national membership fee, they are enabling local Scouts to stay in the program or reducing a burden on local Pack or Troops who might not otherwise be able to absorb the increase.

We are proud that we could make this funding available and be a partner to keeping Scouting affordable and available to all young people in our Council.

For more information on how your Friends of Scouting contribution makes a difference, please visit www.senecawaterways.org.

The Card Camp initiative is designed to help Scouts earn their way to summer camp, whether it be Cub Scout Adventure Camp, Bobochock Highlands, Massawippi Scout camps, day camp or a high adventure opportunity.

Units participating in the program can earn commissions up to 55% of the cards retail cost. The remaining will support the Council to help make improvements to the Council’s three Camps. The sale will begin Feb 1st and units will have until May 1st to close out their accounts.

The Seneca Waterways Council invests over $196 per Scout in programs and services to our nearly 10,000 members. We are reliant on the generosity of the Scouting movement and broader community to fund our mission of instilling values and building character in young people. A Scout is thrifty, and our contributors feel good knowing that over 82 cents of every $1 raised are returned in the form of programs and services.

When a volunteer visits your unit and asks for your pledge, please give until it feels good, knowing that every dollar you contribute is 100% tax deductible, invested locally and is very much appreciated by all the families we are able to serve — thanks to you!

Individuals who are able to support at the One Scout level or above ($196+) receive a fully-embroidered shoulder patch. Many of our supporters find it easier to make a recurring monthly pledge on their credit card rather than paying all at once, and we recognize these gifts as members of our Summit Circle.

For more information on the impact of your support or to make a secure, online gift, visit www.senecawaterways.org/give.

Donors now have one additional way to make a secure gift to Scouting — through your mobile phone. A simple text of “FOS2020” to (844) 615-4269 will provide a direct link to our online giving page. There’s really no easier way to give.

For additional information, contact Kevin Lute, marketing at marketing@senecawaterways.org or visit www.21storiesforscouts.org to register or for more information.

2020 features the return of our hero ‘Little Joe’ Aiello who has set an ambitious goal of raising $100,000 for Scouting. We are sure he will and will help him all the way.

Visit www.21storiesforscouts.org to register or for more information.

ATTENTION ALL SCOUTS: SAVE THE DATE!

24th Annual Scout Sleepover at Frontier Field

atta1@ROCSTADIUMS.COM

Seneca Waterways Council is looking for Scouts, Leaders, and Parents who have a story to tell and are willing to share it publicly via print, TV, radio and social media. Throughout the year, there are many occasions for the council to highlight the great things happening in Scouting, but we need your help to do so!

Several opportunities where we need “stars” include our annual report, speaking at special events, television and radio appearances, and features in our newsletters, website, or social media platforms.

So if you have a budding star interested in “15 minutes of fame (or longer),” please contact marketing at marketing@senecawaterways.org or call Mary Ellen Smith, Marketing Communications Manager at 585-241-8544.
It has been a very busy year for the Lodge. We had 50 new Ordal members and 6 new Brotherhood members at the Fall Induction. Election were held at the Fall Induction and the new Lodge leadership for 2020 is: the new Officers are: Lodge Chief-Chamberlain Bauder, Vice Chief Program-Alek Ahrens, Vice Chief Service- Garrett Lawrence, Vice Chief Communication-Dan Moore, Vice Chief Inductions-James Yacono, and Treasurer-Kierran Hitchings.

Adopt-a-Park This year’s Adopt-a-Park was held at White Deer Tours in the former Seneca Army Depot. It was a great event and we got a lot of work done at the park.

The OA Banquet will be January 12th at the Shriners’ Damian’s Shriners Center on Bay Road in Webster. We hope that you will all join us. You should have received your registration form in the mail or they can be found on the Council Website.

Elections. If your Troop hasn’t scheduled their OA elections for 2020, please do so ASAP. Contact your Chapter Chief or Advisor.

CAMP KICKOFF 2020

With three amazing camps, numerous year-round and summer camping opportunities and outstanding volunteers, there is a lot to cover at the Seneca Waterways Council Camp Kick-Off.

Find out about year-round camping opportunities, details on our summer camps, work weekends, high adventure opportunities and more. There is a big year ahead for outdoor camping and we’d love to tell you about it. Plus, you will have a chance to meet with our Camp Directors, Program Directors, key summer camp staff as well as other camp leadership.

For the price of $15.00, Scouts will have a morning of fishing with a two fish limit, a freshly stocked lake, a commemorative event patch. Paid Scouts will fish from 8:00 am – 11:00 am (Listen for the cannon’s roar to make your first cast!) Paid Adults fish from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Fishing not enough action? There will be games and challenges for kids, archery, fish cleaning, guided overlook hike, and fly-flying demonstrations all morning long. Meals are not included so be sure to bring your own lunch.

Over 100 new fish will be stocked in Lake Wellington in advance of the fishing derby. You cannot experience of catching a fish are pretty high but not guaranteed. J. Warren Cutter Scout Reservation is a special fishing preserve and a fishing license is NOT required.

Prizes will be awarded to the first 75 youth who catch two fish prior to 11:00 a.m. A special drawing will be held at 11:30 for the Scout derby qualifiers.

Bait and lures will be sold on site for your convenience at the Cub Scout Adventure Camp Trading Post, which will be open for these early risers! Be sure to catch the CSAC shirts and merchandise before your scouts register for camp!

All you need to do is bring your fishing pole, your own bait if you would like, and join the fun.

Want to make it a weekend? Camping reservations, not included as part of the Fishing Derby fee, must be made and paid separately, using the online reservation system available at senecawaterways.org. Tent spaces are available for $25 and buildings are available if you would like to have some of the comforts of home. Registration is limited to 650 participants. Parking is limited - please use pool, Rain or Snow, it’s a Go! No Refunds.

Summer camp is one of the most important programs within Scouting. Seneca Waterways offers many unique summer experiences for all types of Scouts and Venturers. It can be a confusing and overwhelming to understand which camp you should attend. This is where the Camp Promotions Team can help. They have seasoned leaders and camp staff who will not only answer your questions, but are a great way to rally excitement for your Scouts.

Just email summercamp.promotions@senecawaterways.org and the team can help you find both the right camp and the right answer to your questions. If you are looking for answers to the following summer camp programs:

- Eagle Flight
- Camp Babcock-Hovey for Scouts-BSA
- Scouting Camp for College Campers-Pioneer
- Massawepie Adirondack Treks
- Me & My Shadow (Cub Scouts)
- Covered wagons Derby (Cub Scouts)
- Twilight Camp (Cub Scouts)
- Cub Scout Adventure Camp at Cutler Reservation
- Cub Scout Resident Camp at Camp Babcock-Hovey
Cub Scouts

**Responsibilities**
- **Recruiting Cub Scouts and Leaders**
- **Cub Scout Adventure Camp**
- **Keeping the "outgoing" in Cub Scouting**
- **Pack Program Planning**
- **Capital America's First Aid for Cub Scouts**
- **STEM in Cub Scouting**
- **Den Meetings**
- **The Den Chief Role Model**
- **Blue and Gold Banquet**
- **Scout Program Planning**
- **Cub Scout Recruitment**
- **The Webelos-Boy Scout Transition**
- **Derbies, Retirements & Races**
- **The Pack Committee**

**Outdoor Ethics for Cub Scouts**
- From the very beginning, the Boy Scouts of America has pledged to instill respect for the environment and the need for an essential component of good citizenship. This course will cover outdoor ethical behavior, centered on the Boy Scout Oath and Law, and their relationship to Scouting's goals. Front-country guidelines will be detailed, including conservation expectations, outdoor manners, and managing campsite waste and trash.

**Discover the Adventures in Cub Scouts**
- You'll learn about adventures like Tigers, "On the Prowl"; Wolves, "Running with the Pack"; Bears with "Bear Necessities"; and Webelos, being "Iron Chefs" and "Building a Better World" and more! Discover this dynamic new trail as traditional Scouting values combine with relevant new Scouting skills to map the new Cub Scout adventure. If you are involved in Cub Scouting at a unit, district, or council level, join us to cover the changes and obtain information about new advancement programs.

**Webelos to Boy Scout Transition**
- What will your Cub Scouts be doing at Cub and Webelos Resident Camps? What do they need to participate? How to get more boys involved. Resident Camp is a great addition to your summer program, and part of the Journey to Excellence. This course will give you the ins and outs of getting your Scouts involved.

**Meaningful Cub Scout Ceremonies**
- Great ceremonies can create memories that will last for years and inspire Cub Scouts to pursue new challenges and achievements. We will address the importance of ceremonies in meeting Cub Scout goals. We will explore the elements of a great ceremony, the types of Cub Scout ceremonies that are available, and how to incorporate Boy Scout Ceremonies into the new advancement-based Cub Scout program.

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**PACK PROGRAMS**
- **Addressing Cub Scout Behavior in Den and Pack**
- **Teaching Communication in Cubs and Cubs**
- **Totally Memorable Campfire Programs**
- **Scouting with Special Needs Scouts**
- **BSA Archery Range Master Certification**

**CUB SCOUTS**
- **Our Fabulousスクが**
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- **Our Very Dangerous Dutch Oven Cooking Methods**
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- **and Chaplain's Aide.**

**GENERAL**
- **For cub masters new and "seasoned", use proven methods for**
- **Learn team-building games and put them in practice. Introduce your**
- **Learning the basics of Dutch Oven Cooking, along with other**
- **Students must renew training every two years and be issued a**
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What the Great Leaders Don’t Learn in Training:
Be more than a leader who only takes training and goes through the motions! Training is essential for every Scout Leader, but there is much more to be a great leader than simply completing training. Experience really is the best teacher. This course will cover what experience beyond training tells us about the vital contributions to be a great Scout leader, from organization and planning, to working with parents and other leaders, to understanding and connecting with the Scouts in your charge, to embracing the program and investing your whole heart into it.

GENERAL: TECH
Using Technology in Unit Communication and messaging
Effective communication among all unit leaders, parents, scouts and the community is vital to the realization of a fun and exciting scouting program. This course explores technologies and social media that can help what is available and how can we use it?

Keep those Leaders Motivated
A unit (Pack and Troop) is only as strong as its leaders. Discover effective strategies for motivating your leaders through an in-depth discussion on the factors which engage, inspire, and positively challenge them. Learn about recognition awards for acknowledging their contributions to the unit.

GENERAL: TECH
The In’s and Out’s of Tentaroo
Online registration for Summer Camp and other unit activities! Attend this session to become familiar with the new event registration, and find out how to get everyone signed up easily and effectively!

G E N E R A L :  T E C H
This course looks at the BSA’s Scoutbook as a technology tool for managing your unit.

Overview of the Guide to Safe Scouting
Learn about this important booklet, and learn to keep your Scouts safe. What is allowed, and what is not allowed, by the BSA? If you’ve never heard of the Guide before, you should know all about it!

Cooking ABCs
Learn the basics of cooking. Do you know how to boil water? What’s the difference between sate and soy sauce? Why should I use the tube with the teeth to cut tomatoes and bread? Come get all of your basic cooking knowledge in one easy hour. For Scouts and Leaders alike.

Popcorn: Popping Around Best Practices
Popcorn has been the premier council-sponsored fundraiser offered to units for decades. Over this time, many simple and effective concepts for a successful sale have been developed by countless units. This course will share these best practices and explain the support network offered to your unit during the sale. This course will be taught by District/Council-Level popcorn kernels and open to all, especially unit popcorn kernel/committees, committee chairs, and unit leaders.

Your Unit’s Family Friends of Scouting Campaign
Friends of Scouting is the annual direct giving effort to support scouting at the council level, paying to subsidize camp, produce recruiting materials, offer free training, and technological supports for all units and volunteers in Seneca Waterways. This course will teach your unit how to run an effective Friends of Scouting campaign (last no more than a month) so that your unit can best fund Seneca Waterway’s efforts to support you! This course will be taught by District/Council-Level Friends of Scouting chairs and Scouting professionals and open to all, especially unit Friends of Scouting workers, District Friends of Scouting presenters/workers, Committees Chairs, and Unit Leaders.

Putting the FUN in Fundraising: Unit Finance Procedures and Budgeting
This course will teach your unit how to best manage finances through effective budgeting and fundraising efforts so that your unit can afford the resources available to make this important step a success! This session to get your arms around the requirements, the process, and the units for decades. Over this time, many simple and effective concepts for making their boards a meaningful experience.

BSA’s American Sign Language Adventures
Learn BSA’s American Sign Language version for the Scout Oath and Scout Law not found on the internet; yet are in Cub Scout Adventure handbooks! Perfect for Pack adults & Troop and Crew adults or youth.

BOY SCOUTS

Successful Troop Program Planning
The Annual Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) is the most important planning session your unit has! Learn how to encourage your youth to incorporate Fun, Safety, Outdoor Adventure, Advancement in your Annual Unit Plan.

Chemical Fuels
If you're planning outings during which you plan to use white gas, propane, chemical firestarters, stoves, lanterns, etc. - you need to know how to do it safely - and in a safe setting!

Meaningful Scoutmaster Conferences
What is involved in SM Conferences and how to make them meaningful to you and your scouts. Learn about the importance of the SM conference in delivering a great program to your boys, and how it relates to advancement.

Don Chief Training
This course provides training for Den Chiefs. The youth will learn the skills required to assist the Den Leader in running a Cub Scout Den. It is a BSA national training course, required for all Youth Leaders who aspire to be Den Chiefs!

Conducting Unit Boards of Review
Participants will learn about the purpose of the Unit Board of Review, how it is used to further the Boy Scout program, and be given useful tips and ideas for making their boards a meaningful experience.

Conducting the Life-to-Eagle Trail
They’ve made it to Life by overcoming many challenges. The trail to Eagle’s final steps can intimidate Scouts, parents and leaders. Attend this session to get your arms around the requirements, the process, and the resources available to make this important step a success!

Help your scouts plan a successful Court of Honor
A "how to" on the importance of the Court of Honor and recognizing each Scout’s accomplishments. Make them memorable & meaningful! Learn about planning, program, and delegating responsibilities.

The Essentials of Merit Badge Counseling
Learn how Merit Badges fit into the advancement program, steps and information about becoming a Merit Badge Counselor. BSA procedures to follow, and the ins & outs of working with Scouts to complete requirements for merit badges in a safe, smart way.

LIVING THE PATROL METHOD
Baden-Powell said, “The Patrol Method isn’t just a way to run a Scout Troop, it is the ONLY way!” Explores how the Patrol Method is supposed to work, and how Young Leaders are the key to a successful Troop. Experience the patrol method through the eyes of a 13 year old. This course explores how youth visualize the patrol method and the adult’s role in its success.

Winter Camping Basics
This course will look at some of the basics of winter camping and how to prepare for cold weather events.

Cooking on the Trail
Do you know how to prepare a healthy meal on the trail? Learn the basics to fulfilling this Cooking Merit Badge Requirement.

VENTURING

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Crew Advisor
This course is designed to provide Venture Crew Advisors with the basic information they need to help youth leaders manage a Crew.

Crew Committee
This course is designed to provide Venture Crew Committee Members & Committee Chairs with the basic information they need to help youth leaders manage a Crew.

Goal Setting and Time Management
This course is a requirement for the Venturing Development Award. The course will introduce methods for improving a Venturer’s ability to effectively manage the events in his or her life in relation to time.

"Having a successful crew meeting"
"An overview of the elements of a good crew meeting with practical activities. Games, Opening, Business, Breakouts, etc.”

Planning a successful crew meeting
Making a plan and working it to help events run smoothly. Using a checklist and having backup plans for when things go wrong (and they will).

YOUTH TRAINING: BOY SCOUT AND VENTURE

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops/ Crews (should this be split?)
A BSA national training course for Youth Leaders. This course provides basic leadership training to youth for units that don’t provide their own training in-house. The youth will learn about unit organization, communications, planning and time management, use of the EDGE method, and servant leadership. An excellent choice for all Youth Leaders.

YOUTH TRAINING: BOY SCOUT AND VENTURE

BSA Youth Leadership Development Overview
Effective youth Leader Training in your Unit

NyLT Overview & Infection for Leaders
What is NyLT, how can NyLT change your youth, how can NyLT change your Troop? This course reviews the content of the NyLT program, discusses the evaluation process and expectations for graduates. This course is being offered during luncheon so attendees of Boy Scout Position Specific can attend. This course fulfills a requirement for the Scouters Key.

Leading Youth Led Units
A "how to" on the importance of the Court of Honor and recognizing each Scout’s accomplishments. Make them memorable & meaningful! Learn about planning, program, and delegating responsibilities.

STAND ALONE

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CUB ELECTIVES DAYS

Cub Scout Elective Days are held monthly at the Seneca Waterways Council Service Center in Rochester. Each session is lead by an experienced Cub Scout leader, and it covers different electives.

Here is what you need to know:
- Cub must attend entire session of the Elective
- Only $15 per session or $30 for both
- $30 fee for both classes includes a badge
- Each Cub must have a parent or guardian accompany them
- Class size limited to 15
- No registrations will be accepted after the day of the camp
- No walk-ins will be accepted.
- No refunds.

Schedule for 2020:
- January 11 - Wolf Elective Event
- Collections & Bobbies runs from 9 AM to 11:30 AM
- Digging in the Past runs from Noon to 2:30 PM
- February 15 - Tiger Elective Event
- Tiger Tales runs from 9 AM to 11:30 AM
- Good Knights runs from Noon to 2:30 PM

For more information contact Class Instructor Judy Williams at judyw034@yahoo.com

OKPIK

OKPIK provides:
- Limited amounts of snowshoes
- Winter shelter (for overnight experience)
- Supplemental Clothing
- Sleeping gear for adding winterizing (try very carefully build your own)
- An Advisor Kit with handouts of suggested equipment lists and tips on preparing for your winter experiences
- Great food!
- Expert instruction
- Hands-on experience
- The covered OKPIK pocket patch!

SIGN UP NOW! This is a Regional training course, so Scouters from all across the Northeast Region will be clamoring to attend. This training will give you the skills and confidence to lead a winter campout and how to travel easily in the snow. You’ll see how to build a winter shelter. You’ll learn the proper techniques for winter camping. You’ll also learn about cold weather health concerns, proper food, clothing, and gear to take on your outing, clothing and gear, and a lot more. You’ll have a great time, eat lots of great food, and get the chance to try your hand at a variety of outdoor winter activities.

Every participant will receive a t-shirt and pin. Trophies and prizes will be handed out during the event. There are no trophies or prizes for Cub Scout aged participants. Participants should NOT bring their own firearms, bows, or knives. All firearms, bows, knives, and ammunition will be provided at the activity. Questions: email Matt Crand at mcrand7884@gmail.com OR Eric Falkman at es.falkman@yahoo.com.

COUNCIL PINEWOOD DERBY

The SWC Pinewood Derby will be held April 25. Derby rules are in effect for all participants strictly adhered to for this event. So, please review the rules prior to arrival. It is strongly encouraged that all Program Directors & Districts follow the same rules. A complete list of the Council Pinewood Derby Rules can be found at https://www.senecawaterways.org/pinewood

Each district is eligible to qualify TEN cars for each racing class. Scouts will race against only cars in their own class: Arrow of Light, Webelos, Bears, Wolves, Tigers, and Lions!

All awards will be based on the fastest cars in each rank. The fastest Scout of the day will receive a King of the Council trophy, which will be presented at the end.

All scouts participating at the Council Race must commit to attend by the conclusion of the Derby. Adults should include both a morning and afternoon session.

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SEABASE

Since its inception, Scouting has been all about exploring and appreciating the wilderness. The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base offers a year-round opportunity to explore a completely different type of wilderness—the underwater wilderness. The Florida Sea Base provides many vehicles to gain access to this underwater wilderness—large sailing vessels, power boats, kayaks, and scuba equipment. Imagine thousands of large sailing vessels, power boats, kayaks, and scuba equipment. Imagine thousands of peaks, valleys, and literally hundreds of coral reefs, miles of coral, and thousands of species. Imagine thousands of fish, birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. Imagine the sensation of weightlessness in this underwater wilderness. The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base operates 20 adventures from six locations: three in the Florida Keys, Fort Island, Marsh Harbor, Bahama, one in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, and one in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Seneca Waterways Council is preparing to form high adventure treks for scouts who are at least 13 years to attend one of the many opportunities at the Seabase. Not only Scouts, but adult leaders to take the trip will be well. For questions about Florida Sea Base and how you can help please email highadventure@senecawaterways.org

TOP SHOT

Saturday, April 18, 2020

Come visit Camp Babcock-Hovey for a chance to compete in the top shot competition. Seneca Waterways Council Scouts and others aged from 8 to 20 years of age will have an opportunity to participate in an activity.

The Cub Scouts and any youth ages 8 to 11 years old are invited to go exploring around Camp Babcock-Hovey. These individuals will participate in archery, bb-gun, sling-shot, bouldering, and the gaga pit. There will be No scoring or prizes awarded at this level.

Participants aged 12 years old to 20 years old, which includes Scouts-BSA, Venturers, Explorers, and Sea Scouts, are invited for the day to either compete in the Top Shot competition or to cheer on the competitors and enjoy other program options. Adults are not eligible to compete but are encouraged to help at the ranges or with the program offerings. If time permits adults that volunteer and help out in some way may be allowed to participate at a particular range.

Competitors will be separated into two groups which will go from range to range. Scouts who are 12 to 15 years old and those who are 16 to 20 years old. Sessions will include rifle, shotgun, bb-gun, archery, and knife throwing.

Time session will be 50 minutes with 10 minutes travel time between sessions. Participants will be given a basic safety orientation prior to shooting allowing adults and children to practice at that station. Prior to leaving each station participants will participate for score. Each range will have a minimum score of 100 points for a grand total of 500 possible points for the competition.

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2020 TREKS

Young men and women can test their skills on one of the 10 High Adventure Treks in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains. Each trek is open only to adults and is led by experienced Voyageur Guides, there is a trek for every skill level. Each trek can be completed in either one week or two week segments. If you are a Boy Scout Troop looking for a hassle-free high adventure trek, each trek is assigned a wilderness rating coinciding with human activities encountered along the way rather than physical landscape. Treks with Ratings of 1 will guarantee the you will see other groups and signs of civilization. Although Treks rated 10 will offer Total Solitude.

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As we move into the middle of the Scouting year, I would like to congratulate units for a great fall program and welcome the new families into our District community. There are all sorts of exciting things going on in the District and Council as we move forward into the new year.

**DISTRICT DAY OF TRAINING**
January 11th is our District Day of Training. It is a great opportunity to grow into leadership roles and share resources with your counterparts in other units. January 24th-25th is our District Klondike. Save the dates and look forward to more information! It is also Friends of Scouting season. Friends of Scouting is a chance for every member of the scouting family and community to give to help support the programs we provide. This enables scouting to be affordable for all families and helps us make programs available to everyone. Check with your unit leadership on when your presentation is scheduled.

**SUMMER 2020**
Although it may seem far away, it is also time to start thinking about summer plans! Packs, Troops, and Crews have many exciting opportunities for adventures at summer camps and high adventure bases, and now is the time to start planning! Get in touch with the Camping Department to schedule a promotion for your unit so that you can learn more about your options.

I’d like to thank those that take active roles in serving other units and the Bay Waters District as whole as Commissioners and Committee members. We are still looking to fill these ranks out further. If you or a scout you know is interested in serving, please get in touch with Chris, Bob, or myself.

Here’s to more adventures in the coming year!

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**District Committee**
We are looking for help on the Genesee Crossroads District Committee, if you are or know of a Scout Leader whose child has aged out of Scouting and you want to give back and help mentor or support a unit in the District. We would welcome a chance to meet you and help find you a role to serve on the Committee to impact Scouting in the City of Rochester!

**Membership**
Genesee Crossroads District is working to grow membership! We are currently focused on starting new units to serve more youth in the city, we are planning our second All Girl Troop now, with Troop 37 as a shared committee concept! Any other units or folks interested in starting a new unit please contact Stuart.Schnettler@scouting.org for more information.

**District Klondike Derby**
Our District Klondike Derby will be the weekend of January 17-19th. The event will be at Mendon Ponds. The events will include some golden oldies, as well as some new events. This year there will be a Snow Shoe event. What’s Snow Shoe snow, it ask, is a very old game played by the local Native Americans. Google it, and see what you can come up with. See you there.

**Pinewood Derby**
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**District Executives Moment**
How time flies. 2019 has come and gone. We are hoping that Black Creek is again the best District in the Council. We came into 2019 with several new challenges and we hope that 2019 ended the same as 2018. I believe that 2020 will be another year of challenges and I would ask everyone to stay the course and continue to be the best District in the Council. Thank you for all your hard work.

**District Support**
Black Creek District wants you! We are continually looking for volunteers at the district level. We can always use a couple of helping hands. We are currently looking for several Unit Commissioners, to help us keep our units healthy. We also have several openings on the District Committee. If you’d like to be part of the driving force that makes our district so great, contact either Kelly Myers or Mike Knittel for more information.

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**Spring Camporee**
I know it’s a bit early, but we wanted all the units to save the first weekend in May for the District Spring Camporee. This year’s Spring Camporee will be hosted by Troop 122. More details will be out soon.

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**SCOOPS CHESS CHALLENGE**
May 9, 2020

All Scouting Youth and Adults are encouraged to come to camp for Scoops’ Chess Challenge at camp Babcock-Hovey, Cub Scouts, Scouts-BSA, Venturers, Explorers, and adults are invited for the day, and see if you are the Best Chess Competitor in the Council. Players will be broken into age appropriate groupings based on attendance, with Adults are eligible to compete in an adult league.

During the morning Scouts-BSA are eligible to work on the Chess Merit Badge if they do not already have it. Everyone can either follow the Chess Merit Badge instruction or play friendly matches (including 3 way and 4 way chess). In the afternoon a chess tournament will commence. Exact setup will depend on total registrations. The goal is to play as many games as possible. Lunch will be served and light snacks will be available throughout the day. Email Matt Crance mathewcrance@gmail.com for questions about the event.
Welcome Leigh Kozak!

Leigh Kozak joins us as the Lighthouse District Executive from Massachusetts. After graduating in May 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Lesley University Leigh left for Kosovo as a member of the Peace Corps. While serving in Kosovo, Leigh worked as a High School English Teacher; outside of the classroom she cultivated close relationships with local community counterparts to run resume workshops and interview bootcamps. Upon returning to the US Leigh continued working with the Massachusetts Audubon Society as a Teacher Naturalist. Over the summer Leigh continued her work with the Massachusetts Audubon Society as the camp’s CIT Coordinator.

As a former Girl Scout, Leigh has a special place in her heart for Scouting; and once the summer came to a close, she wanted to continue working in the Not for Profit world which lead her to join the Seneca Waterways Council. She is excited to be here, and we are excited to have her as one of our newest team members.

Thank you and welcome to all the new families in Mohawk District, we’re all very excited to see what we can do as a District.

Pinewood Derby

The Mohawk District Pinewood Derby will be fast approaching in March. The top 3 den finishers from each Pack will be invited to race at the District Level! Please check with your unit leadership for more information.

Friends of Scouting Appeal

It is currently Friends of Scouting (FOS) season! FOS is an opportunity for Scouting members to give and help support all the programs that we provide to our scouting families. FOS helps better our scouting programs and their affordability for all families! FOS presentation scheduling will be communicated by unit leaders, and please ask your unit leadership with any questions you may have.

District Meetings

The District Roundtable meetings (listed at right) are held at 7:30 on the dates specified with commissioners meeting at 7:00pm at Waterloo High School.

District Committee meetings are held on the dates specified (at right) at 6:30pm at the Zion Lutheran Church.

First Annual Yeti Games!

Return with us to the heyday of Troop-run winter fun as we proudly introduce the 1st annual Yeti Games to be held at Camp Curler January 17th – 19th 2020! Participate in Timeless Scout activities such as: Cooking, Rope Bridge, Snowshoe Relay, Fire Starting, Ice Fishing, Sled Races, Intarod, Broom Ball, Knot Tying, AND MORE! If you have an idea or want to be on staff, please let us know!

Help challenge Cubs and Scouts of all ages on January 18th as they take advantage of the Yeti Games Day Pass to learn and grow from experienced Scouts.

Set up a tent and brave the elements to earn your Winter Camping patch or reserve a heated pod in one of Curler’s themed buildings. Pack in and cook your own lunch for a true winter campout challenge, or purchase dirty water dogs, chili, hot chocolate, and other snacks from the scout-run concession stand.

ME & MY SHADOW FAMILY CAMPING

Friday June 12, 2020

Food & Meals. Families are welcome to prepare their own meals at their campsites. A meal plan is available at the Dining Hall per $50 per person which includes Friday evening snacks, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner (create your own pizza) and Sunday breakfast. Must be tent or pod camping to participate in meals.

How can I attend? Attend for the day, camp in a tent or stay in a POD at one of our villages

Day Participants: On Saturday, experience some of the action of Cub Scout Adventure Camp and receive an event patch and high-quality family activities. Please bring your own food to camp.

There is so little precious time to spend with our children before they grow up. Me and My Shadow is a unique family camping experience where families can camp together in the beautiful Bristol Hills near Naples, New York. While families spend a weekend together camping, the volunteer staff will provide activities during the day that families can participate in together.

Is following a schedule not your style of camp? That’s okay! Our schedule is flexible to accommodate everyone's needs. Whether you are a family of 4 or a group of 40, there is a spot for you at Lighthouse District’s ME & MY SHADOW FAMILY CAMPING!

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Scouting Quarterly – Winter 2019-2020
Thank you all for a great start to the program year. Welcome to all the new families in Towpath District

We had a great start at Challenge Trophy Camporee, and it is never too early to start thinking about it next year.

TOWPATH 2020

Have you dreamed of having a real “mountaintop” high adventure experience? Have you heard tales of trekking at Philmont Scout Ranch and are ready to take up that challenge? Come visit with a part of the Seneca Waterways Council Contingent, where all travel plans, transportation and activities are included in one cost. Individual Scouts, age 14 or older, from any Troop or Crew may join the Contingent. All crews within the contingent are based on 8-10 Scouts, with 2-4 adult advisors, maximum size being 12 per crew. Come on your own, bring a friend, or bring a parent, the Council Contingent is the perfect way to challenge yourself when the troop is not planning their own trek.

What is Philmont?

Philmont Scout Ranch is THE premiere national High Adventure Base operated by the Boy Scouts of America. It covers 137,000 acres of rugged mountain wilderness in the Rocky Mountains of northern New Mexico. The base has mountains with rough terrain and elevations that range from 6,500 to 12,441 feet high! You and your crew will embark on a great outdoor Scouting experience hiking one of the 32 treks available.

Crews can participate in a variety of programs presented by Philmont backcountry staff at these camps. Programs include horseback riding, burro hiking, gold panning, rock climbing, 30.06 rifle shooting, archaeology, mountain biking and interpretive programs such as homesteading and “Mountain Man Rendezvous”. Your Philmont trek will not only leave you with lasting memories and lifetime values, but it will change your life forever!

Is there space available?

Currently the 2019 Trek has limited space available, and this could be your last chance to register. The next crew is scheduled to go until 2020. The cost of the trip is $2,700 per person with $500 deposit at time of registration. So, register now at www.senecawaterways/philmont

For more information contact email highadventure@senecawaterways.org

Day Camp 2020

We are excited to offer our Spring Break Day camp once again, please be on the lookout for a great day out for a great camp program during spring break.

Membership Recruitment

We have kicked off the 2019 program year, and are excited about expanding sea-sonal friendships with the YMCA, and Center for Youth to serve more families at additional locations!

There is still time to sign up for Turning Point programs, contact Oliris at Oliris.Ramos@scouting.org for more information

Program Staff

We are looking to hire additional program staff this fall, if interested in working part-time for the Turning Point District, please contact District Executive Oliris at oliris.ramos@scouting.org.

In the INaugural Towpath Food Fundraiser, the goal was to create a program to provide financial assistance who otherwise would not attend. A gift of Wood Badge and provide financial assistance who otherwise would not attend. $5 from each registration goes into the scholarship fund. Auction and trading post profits also go to the scholarship fund.

Waterways Council twice a year, once in the spring (April 18, 2020) and once in the fall (October 3, 2020).

Besides being fun and full of fellowship, this event is also a fundraiser for the Bob Carface Wood Badge scholarship fund. $5 from each registration goes into the fund directly. The fund was created by Bob to ensure anyone could receive the gift of Wood Badge and provide financial assistance who otherwise would not attend. Auction and trading post profits also go to the scholarship fund.

When: Saturday, May 16th Arrival at 11 am – campfire (estimated 9pm ending time) Optional overnight with breakfast and scout service on Sunday morning.

Where: Walmleys Sawyer Training Center area - Cutler Scout Reservation, 7131 Galulick Road, Naples, NY

Cost: Early bird $35.00 in effect through 4/30/2020 ($40 thereafter). Price includes admission, food, activities and door prize. $5 of registration fee goes to the Bob Carface Wood Badge Scholarship.

Who can attend: Anyone who has taken Wood Badge and regardless of whether they’ve completed tickets (so yes, people who took in Wood Badge in 2019 are welcome). Register at https://scoutingevent.com/397-back2gilwell

Need more information or have questions, contact: Teresa Ruddy - tmrudd1@gmail.com or at 585-319-8816

BROOKMBALL TOURNAMENT

January 10th will be the first annual Towpath Brookball Tournament at the Bill Gray’s Iceplex. Bring your Troop out and test your skills against the best Towpath district has to offer. Register at the following website scoutingevent.com/397-towpathbrookball

Towpath Merit Badge U

February 15th is the return of the Towpath Merit Badge University. It will be held again at BRT with the help of Alpha Phi Omega. This is a chance for scouts to earn multiple merit badges in one day. Last year we had almost 600 scouts come out and we are looking forward to seeing you there.

Friends of Scouting Appeal

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Spring Camporee

Are you ready for the premier camping event of the Spring? Get your spatulas ready and start flipping some flapjacks. April 3rd to 5th Babevuck Hovey will host the INAGURAL TOWPATH FOOD FIGHT: PANCAKOREE 2020. The entire weekend will revolve around pancakes and feats of skill. Look for activities like spatula throwing, cast iron discus, pancake cook-offs, and more. The weekend’s events will be capped off with the great Pancake Relay Race and Capture the Pancake.

District Pinewood Derby

Towpath District Pinewood Derby will be returning. Are you fast enough to take home the top prize of fastest in the District? More details on date and location to come. Top 3 den finishers from each Pack are invited to race at the district level.

Check with your Pack leadership after the race for more information. Packs can register at the following site scoutingevent.com/397-TowpathDerby

Commissioners Wanted

Turning Point District is looking for anyone retired or looking to give back to City Scouting, by helping as a Unit Commissioner to step in and do a program visit.

Interested parties, contact District Commissioner Ryan McDonald at: rymcmcdonald97@gmail.com

Have you heard tales of trekking at Philmont Scout Ranch and are excited about expanding some of our merit badges in one day. Last year we had almost 600 scouts come out and we are looking forward to seeing you there.

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PHILMONT 2020

Both Cub Scout Leaders and Parents, learn how to effectively prepare and run fun-filled overnights and outdoor adventures that meet Youth Protection Guidelines. Plus they will learn how to teach Cub Scouts how much fun they can have in the great outdoors. The Hands-on sessions include Outdoor Program Planning, Health and Safety, Nature Hikes, Camping Gear Basics, Games, and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) is offered by the Seneca Waterways Council twice a year, once in the spring (April 18, 2020) and once in the fall (October 3, 2020).

Besides being required for a Pack to camp, BALOO is a fun, educational and useful training for keeping Scouts and their families safe when camping. If you are a Cubmaster, Asst Cubmaster, Den Leader, or a member of the Pack Committee, you will find this course helpful.

BALOO is a hybrid course where an online training component should be completed prior to attending the course in person. A copy of the online training certificate should be brought to the course in order to be recorded as attended. To register for the course follow https://scoutingevent.com/397-BALOO. Please direct all questions to baloo@senecawaterways.org
The Strong Scout Shop is providing an opportunity for the Scouting community to help local Scout members who may be in need of uniforms and uniform items.

This help will be done through The Holiday Giving Tree program. The Holiday Giving Tree program works on a donation basis. A Holiday Giving tree (similar to an Angel Tree) will be set up at the Scout Shop with Holiday Giving cards on it. Each card will have the first name of the Scout along with the uniform items that they need. There will also be a space for other items they may want such as books, crafts, camping items, etc. Customers and Scout supporters can purchase the item(s) in their local Scout Shop and give them to the store staff to collect for each child.

We will keep the name of the individual(s) confidential. Only the store staff will have access to the Scout’s name and your contact information. A code will be issued that will match a card in the safe that will have your contact information, so as the donations are collected store staff will contact you so arrangements for pickup can be made.

We need your assistance to make this project a success. Please fill out a form at the Scout Shop as soon as possible for every Scout who would benefit from donations.

In addition, consider stopping in or calling in to help a Scout in need! You can make purchases for an entire Scout’s need, or a portion of a card, or even donate a flat amount. Every little bit helps!

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the store staff by email: Brenda.ketchum@scouting.org. Thank you in advance for your assistance. With leaders like you, this program will greatly benefit our Scouting community.

If you run into any of these incredible volunteers at a Roundtable or around a campfire, be sure to pick their brain for the tricks of the trade.

For updated information on all Exploring events, visit www.swexploring.org and click on Events.

Exploring is a co-ed career education program for male and female youth ages 14-20.

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