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Please see the Council staff contact list on the prior page for phone and email addresses.

Unit Support

Council committees support and enhance the Scouting experiences of members and leaders, as well as keep Scouting thriving today and into the future. Listed here are the primary committees and a brief description. For a complete list and meeting details, see the District and Council Operations page of our website: <https://senecawaterways.org/membership-resources/>

Activities	Provides guidance to unit leadership and offers activities, events and civic service opportunities for members.
Advancement	Supports unit leaders and their committees in the advancement and recognition program of the BSA, maintains standards, and supports unit and youth advancement.
Camping	Partners with volunteers and staff to provide and promote outdoor program opportunities that support enjoyment and recruitment of Scouts and families.
Communications	Ensures that leaders and families have easy access to what they need to know for a successful Scouting experience.
Commissioners	Support unit success through coaching, leveraging Seneca Waterways Council Scouting resources and ongoing regular, helpful contact.
Development	Provides leadership to the popcorn sale, fundraising events, endowment and community Friends of Scouting committees.
Innovation	Fosters, evaluates, and recommends funding for project proposals for new ideas that could create positive, significant change within Seneca Waterways Scouting.
International	Introduces Scouts and Scouters to the world of International Scouting through events, awards, and activities including the annual Jamboree on the Air and Internet.
Marketing	Strengthens Scouting's image, reputation and impact by expanding awareness of Scouting's benefits to young people and our community.
Membership	Provides leadership, guidance, and support to our districts and units as we strive for growth in youth served.
Order of the Arrow	The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's national honor society, specifically serving Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouting programs through youth leadership and ownership.
Outreach	Focused on expanding Scouting's youth development and diversity across all markets through networking and collaboration with potential community partners.
Properties	Partners with volunteers and camp rangers to provide annual maintenance and long term planning for council-owned properties.
Risk Management	Promotes safety and healthy behaviors, is a resource for advancing competent risk assessment, anticipation and prevention of hazards in council programs, activities, and services.
Special Needs & Disabilities	Provides guidance and support for members, families and leaders to give all young people the opportunity of a Scouting experience.
Technology	Provides leadership in the use of technology to deliver Scouting. Helps guide and give direction to anything digital.
Training	Provides high quality, comprehensive education and instruction for all adult and youth leaders through the BSA educational continuum
Venturing Officers Association	Coordinates, organizes and promotes events, supports effective Crew operations and offers additional leadership opportunities.

Staying Connected

SHARE YOUR STORY OR EVENT

If you have a story about a Scout, we would love to hear about it! If you have pictures from a Scouting event, we would love to share those too! Shane, the PR and Marketing Manger can help to distribute in Currents, share on social, or supply a press release to the local media. Send your story, pictures or anytihng else to:

shane.stoffle@scouting.org

CURRENTS EMAIL

We send a weekly email newsletter every Tuesday morning. It is full of up to date information, event reminders and news about anything that pertains to our Council. If you are not receiving the Currents Email or have content to add, send your contact information to the Marketing Manger, Shane at:

shane.stoffle@scouting.org

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are active on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. Like share and subscribe! You can also follow social media pages of you district.

Facbook



Instagram



Linkedin



DIGITAL CALENDAR

Get all of our Scouting events on an up to date calendar! The calendar helps leaders avoid planning awesome unit events on top of other awesome council events when site amenities might be reserved. Use the QR code below to see our Digital Calendar.



COUNCIL WEBSITE

The council website continues to be the best resource available for local Scouters. It's loaded with news, trainings, activities, forms, and more. Visit www.senecawaterways.org or use the QR code below.



Publicize Your Unit

One of the best ways to get others excited about Scouting is by publicizing your pack, troop, ship, or crew. Worried you don't have anything exciting to say? We disagree!

Local newspapers, community websites, and even TV channels love to have original content from their audience, telling personal stories. Scouting is full of personal stories: a Scout working on an Eagle project that benefits a city, a Cub Scout pack collecting food for a service project, or a special rank being earned are just a few things you could publicize.

WHY?

- It can be a proud moment for youth and parents to see their name or picture in the paper or online
- It's a recruiting tool. Prospective youth and their parents learn about your unit and the fun things you do.
- It promotes goodwill between Scouting and your local community.

WHAT ARE NEWSWORTHY IDEAS?

- Community service projects
- Advancements/special achievements (awards ceremonies, Eagles and Eagle projects).
- Special events such as a high adventure trip, a pinewood derby, unique field trip or camp/activity.
- Unit fundraising events such as a popcorn sale, pancake breakfast, or car wash.
- Firsts – such as some of the firsts for those units that have welcomed girls.

GENERAL TIPS

- Keep it local – Community media is all about local people and events.
- Read your local paper & website – See the type of stories covered, editors/reporters to contact, publications schedules and deadlines.
- Use electronic format – Submit your releases, captions, fact sheets and photos electronically. Attach the document and photos as individual JPEG files or upload as requested on the media website.

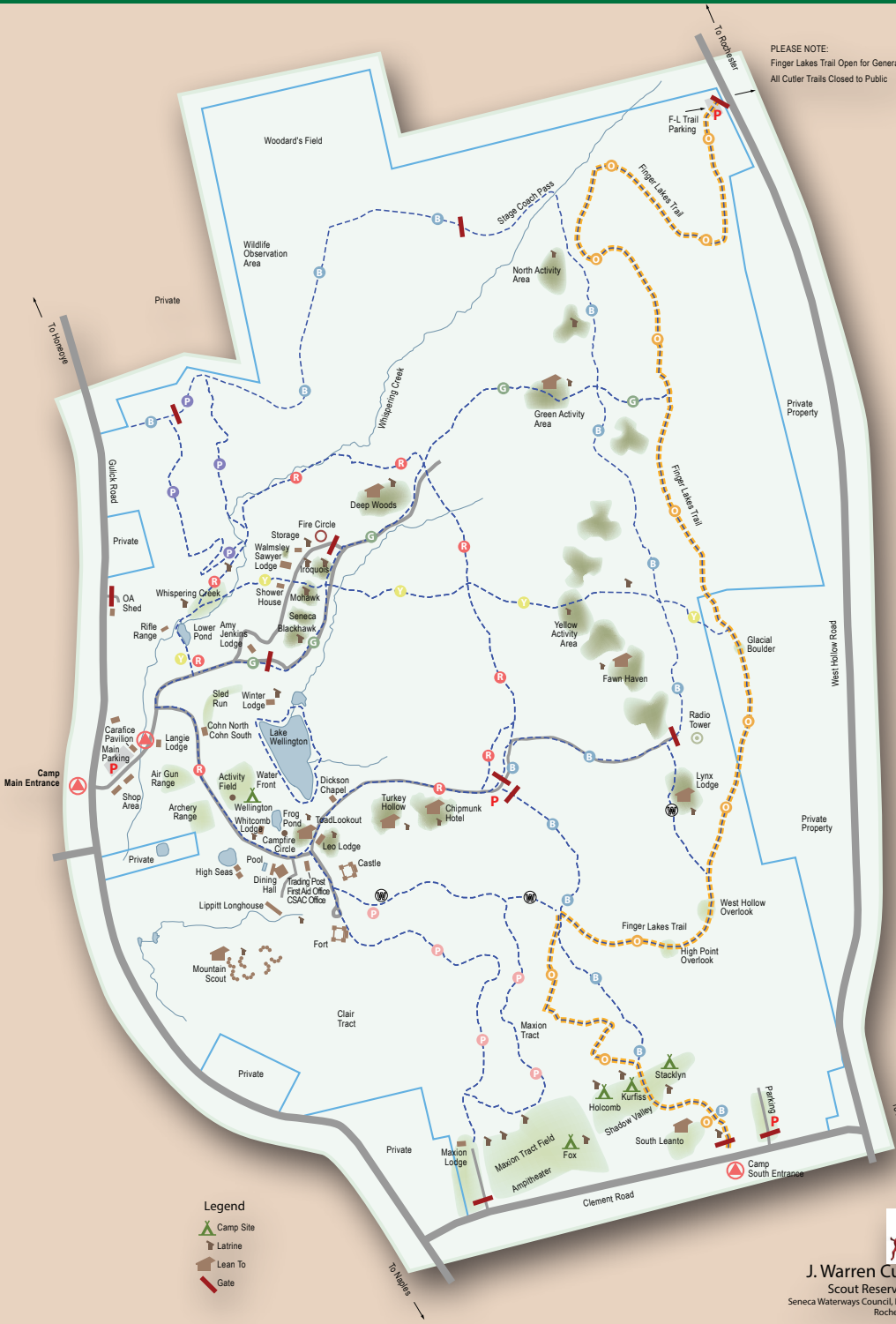
Media Planning Guide



Guide to Working with Media



J. Warren Cutler Scout Reservation



PLEASE NOTE:
Finger Lakes Trail Open for General Public Use.
All Cutler Trails Closed to Public



Camp J. Warren Cutler
Scout Camp Website



Camp J. Warren Cutler
Facebook



Cub Scout Adventure
Camp Video



J. Warren Cutler
Scout Reservation
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J. Warren Cutler Scout Reservation

7131 Gulick Road
Naples, NY 14512

The J. Warren Cutler Scout Reservation, also known as Camp Cutler, is a 1,250 plus acre camp located in the very heart of the Finger Lakes Region of western New York State. Camp Cutler is a year-round facility that provides many unique Scouting programs in a woodland setting of rolling hills, lush meadows, and sparkling streams.

At Camp Cutler, you can camp, and hike, and explore . . . and begin a lifetime journey of wonder and discovery. At camp you can enjoy activities such as: archery, boating, canoeing, swimming, nature conservation, fishing, rifle, air guns, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, and seasonal activities are also offered each year!

Camp Cutler offers many camping opportunities for Scouts. Campsites range from primitive to rustic sites with lean-tos, to buildings with wood burning stoves, winterized buildings, training centers with kitchen equipment that can support large groups, and theme buildings that house the Cub Scout Adventure Camp. So be it snowshoeing to your tent in winter . . . landing a bluegill in summer . . . or hiking through woods of red and gold in autumn. . . Camp Cutler is truly a SCOUTING adventure.

Cub Scout Adventure Camp

Each summer Camp Cutler offers a rare program opportunity found only in a few Scout camps throughout the United States - the Cub Scout Adventure Camp! The Cub Scout Adventure Camp (CSAC) operates at Camp Cutler in July and August! Cub Scout Adventure Camp is an action packed three day, two night Cub Scout summer camp! CSAC is a fun filled learning experience based on five adventure themes: the ships of the High Seas, a Fort of the old west, a Castle of medieval times, a Mountain Man encampment, and a Viking Long House.

Camp with us for two nights and three days, and enjoy all your favorite Scout programs like Nature, Archery I and II, BB Guns, Swimming, Cooking, Crafts, Bouldering, Gaga, Fishing, Battle Boats, Sling Shots, and the Rope Bridge! Fill up on delicious and nutritious meals in expertly crafted by our kitchen staff and visit the Trading Post for slushies or ice cream treats on those hot summer days. Cool off at our new misting station and then sing songs and tell stories around your own campfires at night. When you are good and tired (a nightly guarantee), snuggle into your warm sleeping bags on soft cots in real canvas tents or use our camp lean-to's for a new experience. You can even bring your own tent if you want and pitch it in your site.

Council Fishing Derby

Pack up the fishing pole, find some worms and prepare to tackle a lake full of freshly stocked fish. Scouts of all ages have the opportunity to participate in competitive fishing at camp during in April.

Cubs in Camp

Camping as a Pack for the weekend or coming out for the day, Scouts, their families and their friends have the opportunity to explore Camp Cutler and see what the summer adventure at Cub Adventure Camp has to offer. This even is held in May and October.

Weekend Camping at Cutler

Units can camp in tent or lean-to sites, in a fort, castle, pirate ship, Viking longhouse or one of our many cabins during the spring, fall and winter. Cabins are available that sleep groups large and small. Many cabins make a great location for a planning conference. Reservations can be made through the council website or contacting (585) 241-8545.

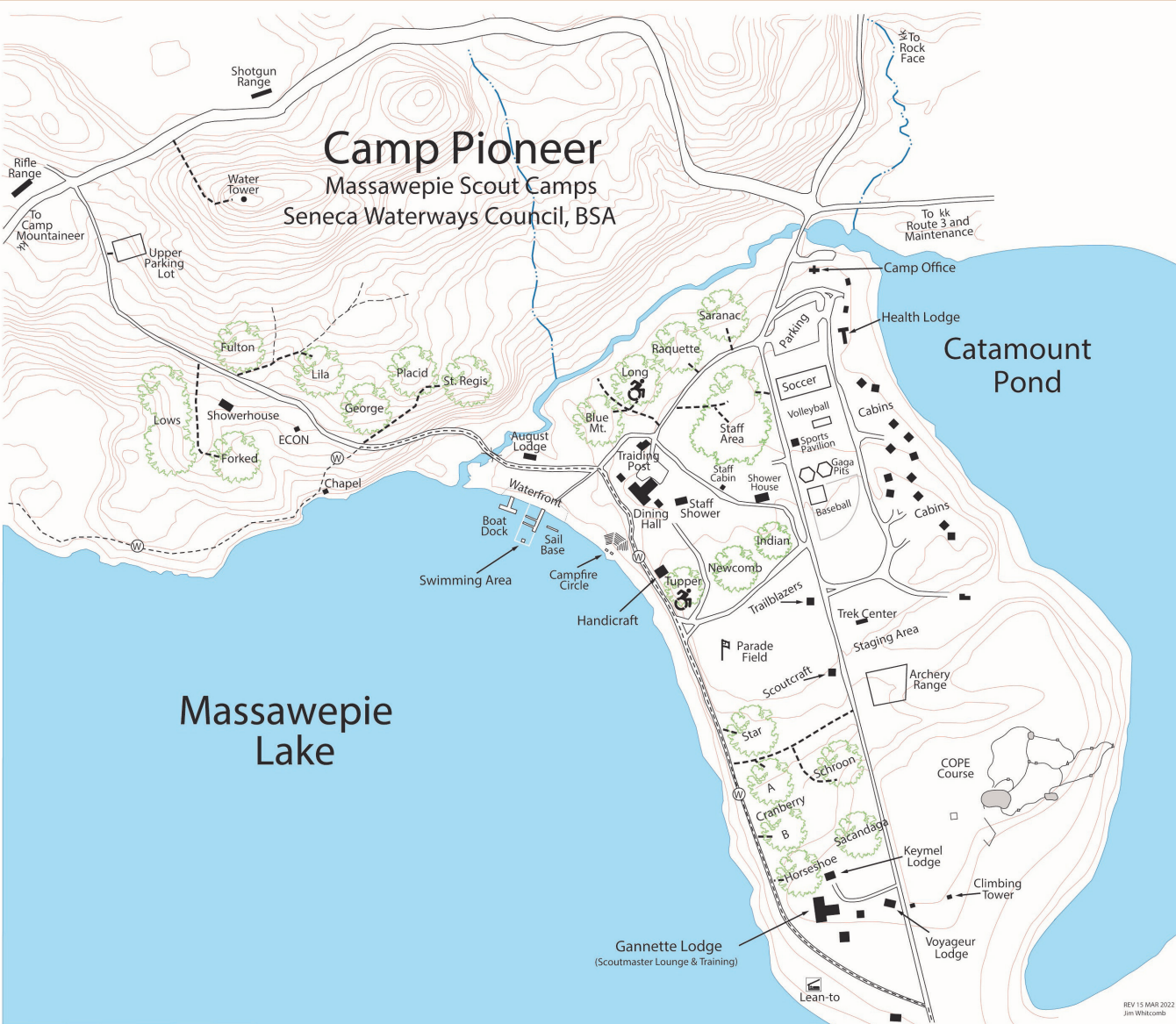
Camp Cutler Campmaster Corps

The Camp Cutler Campmaster Corps consists of a group of dedicated Scouters who oversee weekend camping operations. Their role in camp is to assist all Units in camp with a fun filled and safe weekend and to be available for emergency services if necessary. Many weekends on Saturday, the onsite Campmaster team provides campers an opportunity to participate in a fun activity or an advancement training program. Activities or training subjects are announced on Friday evening at the Unit leaders/campmaster meeting.

The Campmaster Corps is always looking for experienced Scouters to support our program. If you might be interested in joining the Corps and becoming a team member you may inquire in person at the Scout Service Center or call (585) 241-8545 and the Chief Campmaster will contact you.

Massawepie Scout Camps

65 Massawepie Road
Tupper Lake, NY 12986



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Massawepie Scout Camps is a 3,769 acre camp located in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains of northern New York State. Massawepie Scout Camps combine unique wilderness programs with a traditional Boy Scout summer camp.

Boy Scout Camp - Camp Pioneer

At Massawepie you can canoe, kayak or sail on a mile-long private lake, hike on 20 miles of trails, and camp among eight other ponds without ever leaving camp property. Massawepie's location is perfect for programs like: Mountain biking, Outpost camping, and Fishing, Hiking, Swimming

Massawepie's superb camp staff offers all of the traditional Boy Scout summer camp merit badge and program opportunities. Younger Scouts will find plenty of advancement opportunities, including the Trail Blazer program for first year campers. Or use Massawepie as your base camp for a wide variety of canoe and backpacking treks throughout the 2.5 million acres of forever wild Adirondack Forest Preserve.

Massawepie offers both patrol cooking and dining hall camping. The distinctive combination of a wilderness setting, friendly and experienced staff, state of the art facilities, and innovative programs makes Massawepie one of the crown jewels of Boy Scout camping.

You will not want to miss Massawepie's unique honor camper program, BarkEater. BarkEaters who have earned the first, second, third or fourth level BarkEater recognitions will be eligible to earn the next appropriate level. Scouts and Scouters new to Massawepie will work on the first year BarkEater recognition:

- A program that builds on itself through five summers at camp.
- Special progressive recognition for each of the five summers.
- Distinctive ceremonies, the likes of which have not been experienced in this region.
- A greater understanding of Adirondack and Massawepie history and lore.
- Elements that reinforce the aims and ideals of Scouting.

Mountain Fox

This program for older Scouts or Venture crew members (must be at least 14 years old or entering the 9th grade) provides day-time High Adventure experiences, while returning the participants to their unit site most nights to help provide leadership for the younger Scouts. This program is limited to 20 participants per week, and an additional fee does apply to cover the extra transportation and program expenses. Participants must be in good physical condition and pass the swimmer's test.

The participants plan a schedule that may include: canoeing, mountain biking, ropes course and zip line, climbing and rappelling, white water rafting.

Massawepie Adirondack Trek Center

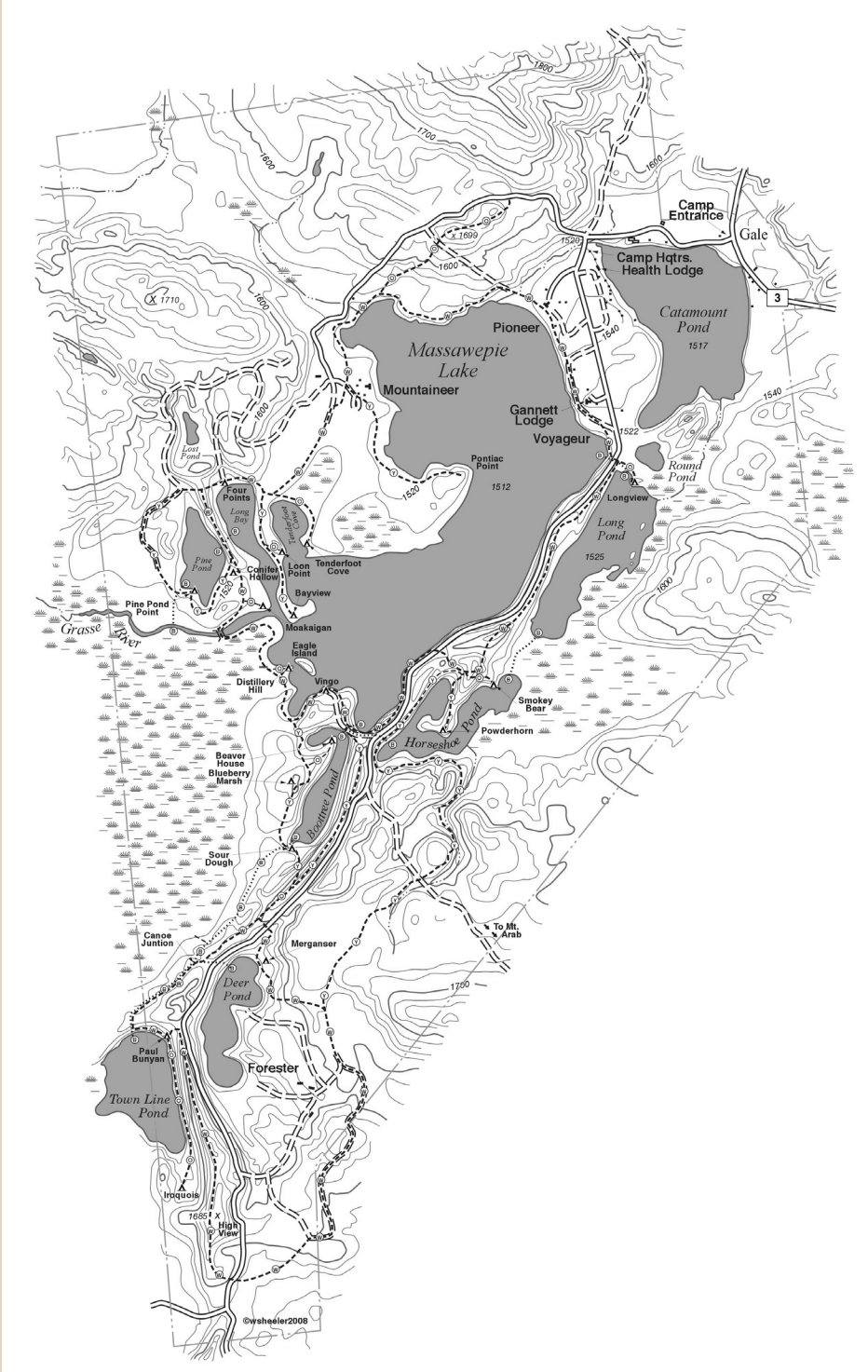
Imagine... paddling through lakes and ponds connected by beautiful winding streams... the fresh scent of balsam fir fills the air... the day is new and you and your crew mates are ready for adventure. As you go, you stop to snack on wild blueberries, still covered with dew. After lunch you set camp on an island in the middle of a tranquil pond. You spot a moose across the way.

Later in the day you portage to a trail head, cache your gear, and head for the summit of a peak for some afternoon top time. At dusk you hear the slap of a beaver's tail on the water. That night you drift off to sleep to the haunting call of a loon. Early the next morning, you rise before dawn... gear-up, and head out to fish by water's edge. Sounds way too good to be true? Well it's not... because located in the very heart of the Adirondack Mountains the Adventure Of A Lifetime is waiting for you.

Based at Massawepie Scout Camps, the Massawepie Adirondack Trek Center offers all Scouts and Scouters canoeing, backpacking, and combination treks during the months of July and August. Trek groups can participate in established trek destinations throughout the 2.6-million-acre Adirondack Forest preserve, or can customize their own. Rock climbing, rappelling and mountain biking options are also available. Trek participants must be age 13 by January 1 of the trek year. The size of each trek group is determined by the itinerary and is subject to state conservation law group limits. See each trek description for maximum group sizes. Both 3-day and 6-day treks are available for Scout units or Council contingents.

Massawepie Scout Camps

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Camp Pioneer on
Massawepie Lake



Massawepie Scout Camp
Website



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Massawepie Outfitters

Is your unit planning a trip to the Adirondacks but needs equipment, the resources of Massawepie Scout Camps and our Adirondack Trek Center are there for you. We have the equipment and the resources to help you plan the perfect trip during the off season. We can supply canoes, canoe pickup and drop off, bear canisters and trip planning advice.

Trip Planning

Never been to the Adirondacks and need some help planning your trip? Let us help you get started with your adventure. Contact Ben Geiger the Massawepie Property Superintendent at 518-359-3900 or treks@senecawaterways.org with questions you may have.

If you plan to use our services, a camp use agreement and a tour permit will need to be filled out. Contact Camping and Program Department at camping@senecawaterways.org or 585-241-8545 for more information.

Massawepie Family Camping

www.senecawaterways.org/family-camping-at-massawepie-scout-camps

Massawepie Family Camping is one of the best kept secrets in the Adirondacks. Family camp is where families can camp together at Massawepie Scout Camps in a tent, RV, cabin or lodge. Enjoy the wilderness of Massawepie and the Adirondacks hiking, fishing, boating, swimming, nature watching or use Massawepie as a base camp for bigger adventures in the Adirondack park. Families can sign up for one or all of the sessions.

Summer Season Family Camping at Camp Mountaineer

Camping Reservations are taken for dates between July and mid August. Have a Scout going to Massawepie this summer and want to enjoy a camping experience? Stay as long as you like in the Adirondacks in Camp Mountaineer. Camp for a few days, a week or more. Reservations are accepted using the paper site reservation form

End of Summer Season Family Camping at Camp Pioneer

After summer camp programs conclude at Camp Pioneer, families take over the camp and enjoy the last few weeks of

summer in cabins, lodges and tent sites. Family Camping begins in mid- August and runs through Labor Day.

Directions to Massawepie

To Massawepie via Syracuse and Route 81 North

- Take the NYS Thruway (I-90) East to Syracuse for about 70 miles.
- Take Exit 36, and follow I-81 North toward Watertown for 69 miles.
- Just past Watertown take Exit 48, turning right onto Route 342. Follow Route 342 East for 7 miles to Route 3.
- Turn left onto Route 3 and go East for 6.5 miles. Turn Left onto Route 3A and go East for 6 miles. When you meet Route 3 again, turn left (The Route 3A "shortcut" avoids the longer route through Carthage).
- Continue East on Route 3 for 64 miles. After passing Cranberry Lake and Childwold, the entrance to Massawepie will be on your right, marked by a large camp sign. (If you see Piercefield or Tupper Lake, you went too far!).

To Massawepie via Route 104 East, Route 3 and Route 81 North

- Take Route 104 heading East and go 57 miles to Route 3 (near Hannibal).
- Turn right onto Route 3 and go East for 8 miles to Fulton. As you leave Fulton, there will be a LEFT and then a RIGHT to stay on Route 3. Stay on Route 3 for another 15 miles to Route 104 in Mexico.
- Turn right onto Route 104 East and go 6 miles to Route 81 North.
- Turn onto I-81 North and go 43 miles. Just past Watertown take Exit 48, turning right onto Route 342. Follow Route 342 East for 7 miles to Route 3.
- Turn left onto Route 3 and go East for 6.5 miles. Turn left onto Route 3A and go East for 6 miles. When you meet Route 3 again, turn left (The Route 3A "shortcut" avoids the longer route through Carthage.)
- Continue East on Route 3 for 64 more miles. After passing Cranberry Lake and Childwold, the entrance to Massawepie will be on your right, marked by a large camp sign. (If you see Piercefield or Tupper Lake, you went too far!)

Activities, Camps & Awards

Cub Scout Fall Day At Camp Cutler

Fall Day Camp is a half-day program for Cub Scouts and their whole families to kick off the school year and enjoy fun activities, like archery, games, BB guns, crafts, nature, and more!

Webelos-o-Ree at Camp Cutler

A Fall and Halloween-Themed Camp Experience designed to be fun and flexible! We'll scare your socks off while you play games, eat candy, enjoy hay rides, learn camp skills, and have fun. Don't forget to bring a costume!

Product Sale

"Prepared. For Crunchtime" is Seneca Waterways Scouting's plan to help your unit have ONE fundraiser this year. Trained Popcorn staff and volunteers will help your unit plan and execute the best and most efficient fundraiser it's ever had! Not only does 70% of each popcorn and nut sale go back to local Scouting, selling popcorn and nuts earns you unique prizes, including special events!

Yeti Games At Camp Cutler

Yeti Games is a Winter Day Camp program open to all Cub Scouts and their families. Enjoy a variety of Winter activities, including Sledding, Tubing, Winter Survival, Animal Tracking, STEM activities, and more.

Challenge Trophy Camporee At Camp Cutler

The Seneca Waterways Challenge Trophy Camporee (CTC) is an annual, weekend camporee featuring 800+ activities, and is attended by 2,000+ scouts and scouters from the US and Canada. Each CTC features a large number of patches that can be earned, collected and traded.

Cutler GAGA Ball Tournament

Cub Scouts come together for a good time at camp. Bring your Pack, your den or just your family out to camp for the day to enjoy a fun day of GAGA Ball Tournaments, hiking and other activities while at J. Warren Cutler Cub Scout Adventure Camp.

Family Camping At Camp Cutler and Massawepie Scout Camp

Family Camping is a Family Vacation opportunity! Our Camps look forward to hosting your outing – and our team of staff, rangers and volunteers look forward to your stay. Our reservation portal is robust and the quick orientation will make it easier for you to reserve exactly what you want, when you want it.

Council Pinewood Derby

Pinewood Derby events are a long tenured tradition of the Cub Scouting program where Scouts craft their own cars out of a simple pine block, four nails, and four plastic wheels. Much more than a wood working project, the Pinewood Derby provides Cub Scouts the opportunity to learn new skills while also enjoying the thrill of competition. Most Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to take part in a Pack Pinewood Derby, generally held between the months of January through March. All Cub Scouts, regardless of whether they participated or performed in the Pack Derby Race are invited to attend the Council Pinewood Derby, which is traditionally held in June. At the Council Pinewood Derby, there are multiple racing classes that enable siblings, older Scouts, and parents to race their own homebuilt cars. Check out the link below for more information regarding Seneca Waterways Scouting's official Pinewood Derby rule guide.

Eagles Flight Field Archery Classic

The Eagles Flight Field Archery Classic is a premier event designed to challenge archers of all levels while fostering a community of enthusiasts. Set against a picturesque natural backdrop, the course features targets strategically integrated into the landscape, requiring participants to combine precision with an intuitive understanding of their surroundings.

Archers from across the region gather to showcase their skills, with each successful shot celebrated by both competitors and spectators alike. The atmosphere is one of respectful competition, where techniques are shared, and friendships are formed.

Beyond the thrill of the competition, the event emphasizes the enduring appeal of archery. It provides a platform for participants to engage with the sport deeply, honing their abilities while appreciating the camaraderie that the event fosters.

Activities, Camps & Awards

Cub Scout Adventure Camp

An all-inclusive camp experience for Cub Scouts and siblings entering Grades 1–4 in the fall. We provide housing, meals, and an awesome program full of activities. Our staff will guide you throughout the entire weekend! Just come prepared to have a great time with your Scout!

Arrow of Light Summer Camp

Arrow of Light Summer camp is the final step before transitioning into Scouts BSA. Designed for Scouts entering 5th Grade in the fall, this 4 day, 3 night program is an awesome opportunity for Scouts to work on Arrow of Light Requirements. Additionally, check out the Arrow of Light Outpost option, allowing Webelos to stay an extra night at camp!

University of Scouting

University of Scouting is a day of training that's aimed at educating adult leaders on the tips and tricks to be successful in their role. Volunteers select the classes they'd like to take and learn skills throughout the day to become better prepared and more efficient in their role as a leader.

Council Recognition Dinner

The Council Recognition Event is an annual event to honor our volunteers whose efforts ensure Scouting continues to thrive in our community. At the event, Seneca Waterways Scouting recognizes the annual Silver Beaver and District Award of Merit classes. The Silver Beaver is the highest level of recognition that a local council can award to a volunteer, and the District Award of Merit is the highest level of recognition that a volunteer can be awarded for service to local Scouting at the district-level. Both award recipients are registered Scouters who have made a significant impact on the lives of youth through service given to Scouting and the community. In addition to the Silver Beaver and District Award of Merit classes, the Recognition Dinner recognizes other individual achievements of youth members and volunteer Scouters.

Maple Sugar Weekend





Maple Sugar Day at Camp Cutler is a celebrated event that offers an immersive experience into the age-old tradition of maple sugaring. Held within the scenic expanse of Camp Cutler, this event invites participants to learn and engage in the

process of tapping maple trees and producing maple syrup.

The day begins with educational sessions where participants learn the history and techniques of maple sugaring. Experienced instructors demonstrate how to identify suitable trees, tap them, and collect the sap. The process of boiling the sap to produce pure maple syrup is a highlight, showcasing both the science and the craftsmanship involved.







Maple Sugar Day at Camp Cutler is more than a learning experience; it is a celebration of nature's bounty and a tradition that connects people to the land and each other. This event exemplifies the values of Scouting by promoting education, appreciation for nature, and community engagement.

Age Appropriate Guidelines

AGE APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES FOR SCOUTING ACTIVITIES Age- and rank-appropriate guidelines have been developed based on many factors. When planning activities outside of program materials or handbooks, ask this question: <i>Is the activity appropriate for the age and for Scouting?</i> Not every activity needs to be conducted.		 LIONS (WITH ADULT PARTNER)	 TIGERS (WITH ADULT PARTNER)	 WOLF/BEAR SCOUTS	 WEBELOS SCOUTS	 SCOUTS BSA	 OLDER SCOUTS BSA, SEA SCOUTS, VENTURERS <small>(*Older Scouts BSA* are age 13 and have completed eighth grade or 14 years old and up.)</small>
 Outdoor Skills							
Hunting							Venturers Only
Mountaineering/Scrambling/Cross-Country Travel							✓
Search and Rescue Missions							✓
Search and Rescue Practice						✓	✓
Fueled Devices <small>(Gloves and lanterns)</small>						✓	✓
Hiking—Multiple Day						✓	✓
Mountain Boards						✓	✓
Orienteering						✓	✓
Wilderness Survival Training					Castaway Elective	✓	✓
Campfires					Day Visit Only	✓	✓
Fire Building					✓	✓	✓
Pioneering						✓	✓
Cooking Outdoors				Bear Necessities Requirement	✓	✓	✓
Horseback Riding				✓	✓	✓	✓
Map and Compass			Map Only	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pioneering Towers <small>(Check requirements for height restrictions.)</small>					Council/District Events Only	✓	✓
Rope Bridges <small>(Check requirements for height restrictions.)</small>					Council/District Events Only	✓	✓
Conservation Projects						✓	✓
Fishing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hiking—Day	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Tools <small>(See SAFE Project Tool Use Guidelines: filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthandsafety/pdf/680-028.pdf)</small>							
Power Tools—Chain Saws, Log Splitters, Wood Chippers, Power Saws							Adult Use Only
Power Tools							See Age Guidelines for Tool Use
Axes						✓	✓
Bow Saws					✓	✓	✓
Pocketknife				Bear Only	✓	✓	✓
Hand Tools		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Trekking							
Horse Treks							✓
Backpacking—Overnight, Backcountry						✓	✓
Bike Treks—Multiple Overnights						✓	✓
Ski Touring—Multiple Days and Nights Carrying Gear						✓	✓
Day Hikes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Shooting <small>(See shooting sports guides at www.scouting.org. Note: Shooting at each other is prohibited.)</small>							
Centerfire/Large-Bore Rifles							Venturers and Sea Scouts
Pistols							Venturers and Sea Scouts
Pistol Safety and Marksmanship Programs							Council-Run Program
Specialty Programs—Cowboy Action Shooting							✓
.22 Rifle						✓	✓
Archery—Field						✓	✓
Muzzleloaders						✓	✓
Shotguns						✓	✓
Specialty Programs—Airsoft						✓	✓
Specialty Programs—Chalkball						✓	✓
Air Rifle <small>(pellet guns)</small>					Webelos Long-Term Camp Only	✓	✓
BB Guns					Council/District Outdoor Programs Only	✓	✓
Archery—Target, Action <small>(moving targets)</small>					Council/District Outdoor Programs Only	✓	✓
Slingshots/Wrist Rockets					Council/District Outdoor Programs Only	✓	✓
Catapults/Trebuchets							Projectiles must be soft and small (no larger than a tennis ball).
 Camping <small>(See Guide to Safe Scouting: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss)</small>							
Unit-Coordinated Camping					Camping as a Den or Pack at Council's Designated Locations	✓	✓
Council-Coordinated Camping	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Vehicles						
All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV)						Approved Council Use Only; No Unit Use
Personal Watercraft (PWC)						Approved Council Use Only; No Unit Use
BMX Biking			✓	✓	✓	✓
Mountain Biking			✓	✓	✓	✓
Bike—Day Trip	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cope and Climbing						
Caving (other than simple novice activities)						✓
Lead Climbing						✓
Snow and Ice Climbing						✓
Belaying					✓	✓
Rock Climbing					✓	✓
Amusements—Aerial Adventure Parks					✓	✓
Amusements—Canopy Tours					✓	✓
Amusements—Zip Lines					✓	✓
Rappelling				✓	✓	✓
COPE	Age-Appropriate Initiative Games				✓	✓
Bouldering	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Climbing (age-appropriate man-made facility)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aquatics (See Safe Swim Defense , and Safety Afloat for restrictions based on skills, such as swimming ability, rather than age.)						
Aerial Towed Activities (kitesurfing, parasails)	Not Authorized					
Cliff Jumping, High Dives	Not Authorized					
Triathlon: Swim Races in Open Water						Sanctioned Events
Paddle Sports: Youth Operated on Class III or Above Whitewater						✓
Personal Water Craft (PWC)						Approved Council Programs Only
Paddle Sports: Whitewater With Professional Guide on Board					✓	✓
Paddle Sports: Youth Operated on Class I or II Whitewater					✓	✓
Motorboats: Youth Operated (check state regulations)					✓	✓
Overnight Cruise on Live-Aboard Vessel					✓	✓
Sailboats and Sailboards: Youth Operated					✓	✓
Snorkeling in Open Water					✓	✓
Scuba					✓	✓
Surfing					✓	✓
Towed Activities (waterskiing, knee boarding, floats)					✓	✓
Tubing (floating in gently flowing water)			✓	✓	✓	✓
Paddle Sports: Youth Operated on Calm or Gently Flowing Water	Passengers Only		Paddle Sports Include Canoes, Kayaks, Pedal Boats, Rafts, Rowboats, SUP			
Commercial Marine Transport (ferries, excursion ships)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Day Rides on Large Private Craft With Trained Adult Operator	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Swimming	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Snorkeling in Confined Water	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water Parks, Slides, and Floating Attractions	Appropriate Age Varies by Feature					

Activity Planning and Risk Assessment

Policy Regarding Prohibited and Unauthorized Activities

The Boy Scouts of America's Charter and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, policies, and program guidelines help provide a safe and consistent program. Council and unit charters as well as individual registration are conditioned upon adherence to those requirements.

Adult volunteer leaders and units that allow youth or units to engage in prohibited or unauthorized activities in contravention of program requirements, and leaders who fail to take steps to stop any such activities, put youth and the organization at risk.

Only leaders possessing the educational, emotional, and moral qualities necessary for leadership are permitted to register and serve as Scouters. Actions which put youth or the organization at risk call into question the suitability of a Scouter for leadership.

If it is determined that youth were allowed to participate or engage in unauthorized or prohibited activities, a leader's registration and/or the unit's charter may be subject to adverse action, including revocation.

Activity Planning and Risk Assessment

No organization, including the Boy Scouts of America, can anticipate every possible activity that could be conducted as part of a unit, district, or council event. As such, it is neither the intent nor the desire of the BSA to provide specific guidance on subjects that are not core to the program or part of our literature.

For those activities that support the values of the Boy Scouts of America, there are several tools available for participants that will help them plan for a fun and safe tour, activity, or event. Good planning and preparedness prior to executing the activity is key to success. This guide is one of those tools. Other such resources are the Program Hazard Analysis, safety checklists, and the PAUSE card.

As you use these tools, reflect on the words of Robert Baden-Powell: Be Prepared ... the meaning of the motto is that a Scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practicing how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise.

The SAFE Checklist

Scouts and their parents expect all Boy Scouts of America activities to be conducted safely. To ensure the safety of participants, the Boy Scouts of America expects leaders to use the four points of SAFE when delivering the Scouting program.

Supervision

Youth are supervised by qualified and trustworthy adults who set the example for safety. Accepting responsibility for the well-being and safety of youth under their care.

- ◇ Ensuring that adults are adequately trained, experienced, and skilled to lead the activity, including the ability to prevent and respond to likely problems and potential emergencies.
- ◇ Knowing and delivering the program of the Boy Scouts of America with integrity.
- ◇ Using qualified instructors, guides, or safety personnel as needed to provide additional guidance.
- ◇ Maintaining engagement with participants during activities to ensure compliance with established rules and procedures.

Assessment

Activities are assessed for risks during planning. Leaders have reviewed applicable program guidance or standards and have verified the activity is not prohibited. Risk avoidance or mitigation is incorporated into the activity.

- ◇ Predetermining what guidance and standards are typically applied to the activity, including those specific to the Boy Scouts of America program.
- ◇ Planning for safe travel to and from the activity site.
- ◇ Validating the activity is age appropriate for the Boy Scouts of America program level.
- ◇ Determining whether the unit has sufficient training, resources, and experience to meet the identified standards, and if not, modifying the activity accordingly.
- ◇ Developing contingency plans for changes in weather and environment and arranging for communication with participants, parents, and emergency services. not be maintained.

Activity Planning and Risk Assessment

Fitness and Skill

Participants' Annual Health and Medical Records are reviewed, and leaders have confirmed that prerequisite fitness and skill levels exist for participants to take part safely.

- ◇ Confirming the activity is right for the age, maturity, and physical abilities of participants.
- ◇ Considering as risk factors temporary or chronic health conditions of participants.
- ◇ Validating minimum skill requirements identified during planning and ensuring participants stay within the limits of their abilities.
- ◇ Providing training to participants with limited skills and assessing their skills before they attempt more advanced skills.

Equipment and environment

Safe and appropriately sized equipment, courses, camps, campsites, trails, or playing fields are used properly. Leaders periodically check gear use and the environment for changing conditions that could affect safety.

- ◇ Confirming participants' clothing is appropriate for expected temperatures, sun exposure, weather events, and terrain.
- ◇ Providing equipment that is appropriately sized for participants, is in good repair, and is used properly.
- ◇ Ensuring personal and group safety equipment is available, properly fitted, and used consistently and in accordance with training.
- ◇ Reviewing the activity area for suitability during planning and immediately before use, and monitoring the area during the activity through supervision.
- ◇ Adjusting the activity for changing conditions or ending it if safety cannot be maintained.

First Aid and CPR Training

First aid is the first help given to someone who has had an accident or other health emergency. If more attention is needed, first-aid treatment helps keep an injured or ill person as safe as possible until medical personnel arrive. Wilderness first aid (WFA) is the assessment of and treatment given to an ill or injured person in a remote environment when a physician and/or rapid transport are not readily available.

First aid and WFA are important to participants in BSA programs. The BSA strongly recommends that participants avail themselves of CPR with automatic external defibrillator (AED) training, along with first-aid and wilderness first-aid training. For certain program participation, there may be requirements for first aid, wilderness first aid, and CPR/AED. There are no unit-centric requirements at this time.

First aid, WFA, CPR/AED must be taught by instructors currently trained by a nationally certified provider such as the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, Emergency Care and Safety Institute, or American Safety and Health Institute. Cub Scouts can even be taught this valuable skill in a family-type setting. Online-only courses are not accepted if a certification is required. The BSA will accept nationally recognized blended courses—such as from the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, Emergency Care and Safety Institute—where competency can be demonstrated to an instructor.

Further information and advancement in first aid may include wilderness first responder (WFR) and wilderness emergency medical technician (WEMT).

For more information, see the Scouts BSA handbooks and the First Aid merit badge pamphlet.

Wilderness First Aid (WFA)

Wilderness first aid (www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/training/wilderness-fa), the next step up from basic first aid, focuses on teaching assessment skills and using available resources when professional responders might be hours or even days away. A BSA-led task force has developed a specific BSA WFA curriculum and doctrine. WFA certification courses must adhere to BSA requirements and include both didactic and hands-on scenario-based practice academic text.

General Health and Safety FAQs

Q. Can Lions shoot BB Guns?

A. No. They may participate in archery and use size appropriate sling shots. Cub Scout Shooting Sports page is available at this link. See Age Appropriate Guidelines on page 18 and 19.

Q. Can Scouts use zip lines?

A. Zip-lining is considered age-appropriate for Venturing-age youth and older Boy Scouts. If the youth are participating in a commercial zip-line activity that is not located on a BSA-owned property, then we suggest you make sure that organization follows the Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT) standards for installation, maintenance, and operation. Use of privately installed, maintained, or operated zip lines by any unit, district, or council is not authorized. (Examples of these include self-built, backyard, or non-BSA-owned zip lines.)

Q. Can we bring animals or pets on campouts?

A. No, animals or pets are not part of tours or activities in Scouting. This does not preclude merit badge programs where specific animals are part of the merit badge (Horsemanship, Mammal Study, Reptile and Amphibian Study, etc.). The preface to the Guide to Safe Scouting states that, "In situations not specifically covered in this guide, activity planners should evaluate the risk or potential risk of harm, and respond with action plans based on common sense, community standards, the Boy Scout motto, and safety policies and practices commonly prescribed for the activity by experienced providers and practitioners."

Q. What training is required for aquatics activities?

A. Adult leaders supervising a swimming activity must have completed Safe Swim Defense training within the previous two years. Adult leaders supervising activities afloat must also have completed Safety Afloat training within the previous two years. CPR training is advised.

Q. Are Cub Scouts allowed to launch rockets?

A. Rockets may be used in the Scouting program. Rocket Academies have traditionally been a one-day event for communities and neighborhoods. They are a good way to show the broad spectrum of activities and learning associated with Scouting, and can educate participants and attendees about the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) program. Scouting.org has published several articles about Rocket Academies.

Safety is always a paramount consideration, and the BSA wishes to re-emphasize the following as unit, district, and council rocket activities are considered.

- Review and be familiar with the National Association of Rocketry safety code, which can be found at www.nar.org.
- Determine if there are any local rules and regulations regarding the type, size, and launching of rockets within your community.
- Be aware of and guided by the SAFE.

Q. Can a leader bring his or her younger children on a troop campout?

A. The Camping section of the Guide to Safe Scouting states:

"If a well-meaning leader brings along a child who does not meet these age guidelines, disservice is done to the unit because of distractions often caused by younger children. A disservice is also done to the child, who is not trained to participate in such an activity and who, as a nonmember of the group, may be ignored by the older campers."

Insurance Coverage

Council Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan

Secondary Accident and Sickness Insurance has been purchased by Seneca Waterways Council for all packs, troops, teams, crews and posts. This plan provides some coverage for accidental injury, illness, accidental death and dismemberment while participating in any approved and supervised Scouting activity, including going to and from meetings. All registered youth and adult volunteers are covered. Non-Scouts attending scheduled activities (including group travel to and from such activities) for the purpose of being encouraged to participate in Scouting are also automatically covered. However, the plan does not cover parents, siblings or other guests.

Additional highlights of the Council-provided coverage include:

The policy is excess to any other available source of medical benefits if the charges are greater than \$300.

If the total charges are less than \$300, the insurance will pay without other insurance coordination.

The insurance plan is an "excess" insurance plan from the first dollar up to the plan limits.

The policy is "primary" for any family or Scout with no other insurance coverage.

New members are automatically covered as soon as their applications for membership are processed.

Travelling to and from a unit meeting or other approved and supervised Scouting activity is covered under this plan.

Coverage applies for injuries received while attending an approved Scouting activity or if a sickness first manifests itself while there.

If an accident occurs, complete the current insurance claim form found on our website and file it directly with Health Special Risk Inc. at the address they provide.

Proof of Accident and Sickness Insurance is sent to each unit in the charter packet. Requests for proof of insurance can also be sent to coi@SenecaWaterways.org. For all serious incidents, accidents and/or sickness, or if a summons is served on a volunteer, please notify the council immediately. Council Accident Report forms need to be completed for any event requiring medical or special attention. For all insurance coverages, there is no coverage for those who commit intentional or criminal acts.

Automobile Liability Insurance

All vehicles MUST be covered by an owner's liability insurance policy. The amount of this coverage must meet or exceed the insurance requirement of the state in which the vehicle is licensed. (It is recommended that coverage limits are at least \$100,000 combined single limit.) Any vehicle carrying 10 or more passengers is required to have limits of \$500,000 combined single limit. In the case of rented vehicles, the requirement of coverage limits can be met by combining the limits of personal coverage carried by the driver with coverage carried by the owner of the rented vehicle. All vehicles used for travel outside the United States must carry a liability insurance policy that complies with or exceeds the requirements of that country.

Certificates of Insurance

A certificate of insurance is either proof that a unit is covered by the comprehensive general liability insurance or is proof of insurance plus a document that adds another organization to our general liability insurance for a defined period of time. If an organization requests a certificate of insurance, please follow the following steps:

Obtain a copy of the agreement to be signed with the organization requesting the certificate. If not included in the agreement, include specific insurance requirements from the organization. Send all documents via e-mail to coi@SenecaWaterways.org. Certificates take up to two weeks to be completed and parts of the process are outside of our local control. Please be sure to give adequate time when a certificate of insurance is being requested.

General Liability Insurance

This coverage provides primary general liability coverage for registered volunteer Scouters with respect to claims arising out of an official Scouting activity with the exception that the coverage is excess over any insurance available to the volunteer for loss arising from the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle or watercraft. This insurance is only available while the vehicle or watercraft is in the actual use of a Scouting unit and being used for a Scouting purpose. Coverage is for bodily injury and property damage.

The insurance provided unregistered Scouting volunteers through the BSA general liability insurance program is excess over any other insurance the volunteer has to his or her benefit, usually a homeowner's, personal liability, or auto liability policy.

Advanced Opportunities

Order of the Arrow

The Order of the Arrow (OA) recognizes Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Members maintain camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long-term resident camping, and provide 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 further Scouting opportunities for youth.

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Counselor-In-Training (Summer Resident Camp)

The Counselor in Training (CIT) program is open to all registered Scouts and Venturers who will be at least 14 years of age during the summer that they are a CIT. Like camp staff, both young women and men are encouraged to be CITs. This program has been designed to develop future camp staff members and provide personal development experiences for Scouts and Venturers. Programs are available at all summer camps Cutler and Massawepie.



Distinguished Conservation Service Award

The fundamental purpose of the BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Awards program is to encourage learning by the participants and to increase public awareness about natural resource conservation. The goal is to encourage and recognize truly outstanding efforts undertaken by Scouting units, Scouts and Venturers, adult Scouters, and other individuals that have contributed significantly to natural resource conservation and environmental protection.



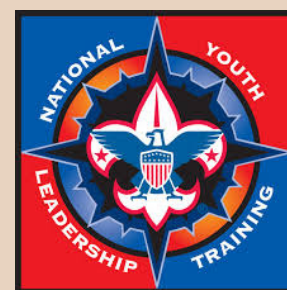
Eagle Flight

Eagle Flight Camp Week is designed for Scouts dedicated to advancing on their Trail-to-Eagle. This intensive program, unlike typical BSA summer camps, engages participants in merit badges and specialized programs throughout the week. Supported by over 20 experienced adult volunteers and camp staff, Scouts will participate in activities ranging from inspirational movies to night hikes, ensuring a packed schedule with minimal downtime.



National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

NYLT is a leadership and team development experience developed by Scouts BSA to enable Scouting youth to lead their Scouting Troop, Crew or Ship. The program uses the Aims and Methods of Scouting to teach youth the skills of leadership and teamwork in the setting of an ideal Scouts BSA troop. The experience is conducted in the outdoors and is entirely youth-led with adult supervision. Many youth who have taken NYLT describe it as one of their greatest Scouting experiences. Concepts and skills learned during NYLT are easily applicable to a wide variety of leadership opportunities both inside and outside of Scouting.



Training

FOUR STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL AND REWARDING VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Step One

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING (YPT) is required to register and must be renewed every two years. This protects children, adult leaders, and the organization by maintaining high vigilance on the important subject and methods of youth protection. YPT is completed online at: <https://my.scouting.org>.

Step Two

POSITION-SPECIFIC TRAINING is required to be considered "Trained" in the BSA. This training can be completed by Cub Scout Leaders, Scoutmasters, Venturing Leaders, and Committee members online at: my.scouting.org or in-person. In-person trainings are led by experienced leaders who can directly answer questions, and they are well versed on local council and national resources. To find local training opportunities, visit our Training locator on the Seneca Waterways Council Training page at: <https://senecawaterways.org/training/>

Step Three

BEING PREPARED for the outdoors is essential for all Scouting leaders.

Cub Scout Leaders – Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) is a combination of an online and instructor-led course of camping policies, taught along with the necessary tools to help packs carry out a successful camping experience. Completion of this course is mandatory for at least one adult on a pack overnigher. Seneca Waterways Council provides several opportunities annually for volunteers to participate in this training.

Scouts BSA Leaders – Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) is required for Assistant Scoutmasters and Scoutmasters to be considered trained in their position. This hands-on training course provides adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the outdoors. Upon completion, leaders will feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank. GREAT LEADERS START WITH TRAINING! Seneca Waterways Council holds IOLS Training throughout the year.

For more information on training programs, visit: <https://senecawaterways.org/training/>

Step Four

SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING takes your skill to another level and is the key to providing the best possible program to the youth of Scouting. Supplemental training takes the foundational basic training and builds upon it developing specific skills that make you a better, more efficient and knowledgeable leader.

Supplemental Training

University of Scouting

A one-day event where attendees select from over 100 training sessions, build a custom training schedule for their day and learn from experienced volunteers and trainers. University of Scouting is held annually. To learn more about the University of Scouting visit: <https://senecawaterways.org/training/>

Wood Badge

Wood Badge is Scouting's most advanced training course focused on leadership, personal and team development. Inspired by Robert Baden-Powell (founder of the Scouting program), Wood Badge has provided the ultimate training for thousands of leaders around the world. To find out more information or to register for an upcoming course visit: <https://senecawaterways.org/wood-badge/>

Philmont Training Center

The Philmont Training Center (PTC) is the national volunteer training center for the Boy Scouts of America located in New Mexico. Since 1950, PTC has provided a unique environment for training volunteer and professional leaders, while providing a fun family program for every member of the family. For more information and a list of upcoming training conferences, visit: <https://www.philmontscouttranch.org/ptc>

Additional Safety Training

There are several other trainings offered and required to be completed by at least one person if the unit is participating in that type of activity. • Safety Afloat: for all boating activities • Safe Swim Defense: for all swimming activities • Climb on Safely: for all Climbing activities • Trek Safely: for all backpacking outings • Hazardous Weather: for all ac-tivities that are overnights, or considered High Adventure. Visit <https://my.scouting.org> for more details.

Training

Trainer's EDGE

Trainer's EDGE gives you the skills to present an organized and fun training session and become a more effective and impactful trainer. All volunteers can benefit from this training.

Okpik

Okpik is cold-weather camping training, named after the Inuit name for the snowy owl. Learn how to prepare for fun and safe outdoor experiences in winter weather. This training is open to adults and youth age 14+.

Okpik/Attavik

Okpik/Attavik takes the skills you learn in Okpik cold-weather camping training and sends you outside to test your skills in the winter weather. Okpik is a prerequisite for participating in the Okpik/Attavik camping trip.

ADULT TRAINING AWARDS

Scouter's Training Awards

Recognition awards are available to leaders who complete training, tenure, and performance requirements. Scouters earning the Training Award in one program area **MUST** complete ALL requirements (including tenure) for subsequent training awards in other program areas.

Unit Leader Award of Merit

Quality unit leadership is the key to a quality unit program—and it leads to better Scout retention. The Boy Scouts of America has created the Unit Leader Award of Merit to recognize the quality unit leaders who make that happen.

Scouter's Key Award

Volunteers who serve as the top leader in their program are eligible to earn the Scouter's Key Award. This award is a knot to be worn above the left pocket on the uniform. In addition to the knot is a small iconic metal pin called a "device" for each position awarded. To learn more about Training Awards visit: www.scouting.org/training/adult

More Information

For additional information on all Seneca Waterways Council Training programs and our complete training calendar visit: <https://senecawaterways.org/training/>

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

A one-week program for male and female Scouts and Venturers held in July replicates the first three weeks of typical unit operations, including patrol leader's council meetings, troop/crew meetings, patrol meetings, and planning for a big event. Becoming a better leader is the theme, but many aspects apply to daily life. Scoutmasters and Crew Advisors nominate youth to attend this training.

Fund Your Unit

Imagine kicking off your Scouting year with a 12-month program and not collecting any money from Scouting families! Units can pay for the entire program they want to do without any out-of-pocket expenses through council fundraising opportunities.

5 Steps for a Successful Product Sale

- Establish an annual plan and budget. With input from your Scouts, parents, and leaders you can create a guide to write your budget and stick to it.
- Set a unit sales goal and break down to a per-Scout-goal based on your budget.
- Put together an exciting incentive program for your unit along with prize programs already being offered.
- Conduct a FUN Unit Kick-off to communicate the goals to families and Scouts.
- Use all sales methods available to you to make sure your unit and Scouts hit their goals. Additional tools and resources available at www.SenecaWaterways.org

Fall Product Sale

For several years, units in the Seneca Waterways Council have sold popcorn to help fund their ideal year of Scouting. Funds raised through the our product sales help to improve our camps and provide programs and activities to communities. **70% or more of the sale of either popcorn or nuts stays local!**

Units use these funds to pay for everything from charter renewal, to fund camps and campouts, to "dues free" Scouting. We are powering up for this year's Popcorn and Nuts campaign to be bigger, better, and bolder. This means bigger incentives, better training, and bolder sales techniques. Sales start in August each year.

Visit www.senecawaterways.org/popcorn-nuts for complete information.



Guidelines for Unit Funds

Unit Committees should approve bylaws that explain how funds are handled.

Tax ID Numbers

Under the Chartered Partner Concept, Chartering Organizations (churches, service clubs and community organizations) “own” the Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship and Post units that are affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America’s program. Units are encouraged to get their federal ID number (needed to establish an account with a local bank) and sales tax exempt number from their chartered organization, but they can also apply directly to the IRS or state. The SS-4 form can be downloaded from IRS.gov and mailed in. In New York, Scouting units can use the Council sales tax exempt form to avoid paying state tax for Scouting purchases.

Reconciling Accounts

The unit committee is responsible for unit finances and a unit budget. A treasurer is recruited to administer the account and the committee chair should receive the bank statement to reconcile. All unit funds should pass through the bank account including but not limited to dues, fundraising dollars, popcorn sales income and camping fees.

Checking Accounts

Unit funds should be deposited in a checking account that requires two signatures on every check. Same-family members must not approve payment or be the second signatory. Units may have 3 or 4 authorized signers. The unit leader could be one of the signers but may not be the unit treasurer, and it is recommended that one be a committee person. Unit leaders might have a petty cash fund (with a limit set by the unit committee) which is accounted for with receipts each month. The chartered organization should audit the unit finances annually and make a report available to the membership of the chartered organization. Debit cards are discouraged, due to the lack of a second signature required. If your sponsor files an annual tax return, they may require an annual accounting of your funds to report on their tax return.

Unit Equipment

The Chartered organization “owns” the unit, and all property and funds used by the unit remain the property of the organization as long as the BSA charter remains in place. A unit is an unincorporated association, not a legal entity that can bear title to property. Gifts to a unit are almost never tax deductible. An annual inventory of a unit’s equipment should be given to the chartered partner. Insuring the unit’s equipment is recommended. If a unit is dissolved or the charter lapses or is revoked and all efforts to reorganize have been exhausted, the chartered partner shall apply unit funds and property to the payment of unit obligations and then give the surplus to the Council or another Scout unit they sponsor.

Unit Accounts at the Council Service Center

Each unit can maintain an account at the Scout Service Center that can be used for purchasing items at the Seneca Waterways Council Scout Shops. The account can also be used to pay for event, membership or camping fees. Committee Chairs can access the accounts through Scouting Events. To get more information Call customer service at 585-244-4210 if additional assistance is needed.

Youth Accounts

Some units allow youth to accrue portions of funds raised in an account under their name sometimes referred to as “Scout Accounts.” Officially the Boy Scouts of America discourages the use of Scout Accounts. To prevent violation of IRS “private benefit” rules, 1.) the youth member should not earn a straight percentage award; 2.) the funds may only be used for Scouting purposes reflected within the scope of unit activities; and 3.) the criteria for how much “credit” they have earned should be based on Scout spirit and participation in all activities, rather than how much a Scout raised in the fundraiser. If a youth transfers to another unit, such funds cannot follow to the new unit though they could be applied to a future event. (As example, a pack could apply funds for a graduating Arrow of Light Scout toward their summer camp fees for their new troop.)

YPT Changes

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CONTINUES TO BE A SIGNIFICANT TOPIC OF OUR NATIONAL CONVERSATION, AND HERE ARE THREE IMPORTANT MESSAGES ON THAT SUBJECT TO KNOW AND SHARE:

1. Child sexual abuse is a societal issue that extends beyond any one institution or organization. The statistics are startling. According to the National Center for Disease Control and Prevention, about 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 13 boys experience child sexual abuse at some point in childhood.

2. Scouting is committed to being part of the solution and we are in a position to help. Child safety experts have repeatedly called Scouting's youth protection policies and practices the "gold standard" for youth-serving organizations. Nationally and locally, Scouting shares its expertise with a wide variety of other organizations. Scout leaders and parents make all kids safer as they apply our youth protection training and practices in other parts of our community.

3. Kids are safe in Scouting. We have always had a strong record compared to the larger community, but since the implementation of two-deep leadership in 1987, sexual abuse has been practically eliminated in Scouting. We work diligently toward its total elimination by ensuring that our programs incorporate the latest and best youth protection practices.

No harm to a child is ever acceptable anywhere in our community. Scouting is playing a leading role in combating child sexual abuse, but we all need to work together to deal with what is indisputably an unacceptable public health and safety problem.

SCOUTING KEEPS KIDS SAFE THROUGH A MULTI-LAYERED PROCESS OF SAFEGUARDS

Youth Protection Training

Mandatory volunteer training with educational materials for parents and Scouts featured in handbooks and integrated into programs. All our volunteers were trained in youth protection.

Formal Leadership Selection Process

Including criminal background checks and other screening efforts.

Two-Deep Leadership Policy

Requires two adults present with youth at all times and prohibits one-on-one situations between adults and youth in person or electronically, within or outside of our program.

Mandatory Reporting

All persons involved in Scouting must report to local authorities any good-faith suspicion or belief that any youth is being, or has been, physically or sexually abused.

Volunteer Screening Database

A tool the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends for all youth-serving organizations, to prevent individuals that were removed from their organization from re-registering (Scouting has had this in place since the 1920's).

The CDC reports that about 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 13 boys experience child sexual abuse at some point in childhood. Child sexual abuse is a societal problem that Scouting is committed to help eradicate.

senecawaterways.org/youth-protection-training/

Youth Protection / Emergencies

Harassment Prevention Policy

It is the policy of Seneca Waterways Scouting to maintain a Scouting environment based on respect and courtesy. The council does not tolerate harassment of our members, employees or the general public. This policy is in effect at all Scouting properties (camps and offices) and at all functions (council, district and unit meetings, activities and events). If you believe you have been harassed, or are aware of an incident of harassment of someone else, you are responsible for reporting it immediately. For details, see full policy at senecawaterways.org/youth-protection-training/. Thank you for your help in ensuring a positive Scouting environment for everyone.

Reporting of Child Abuse

All persons involved in Scouting shall report to local authorities any goodfaith suspicion or belief that any child is or has been physically or sexually abused, physically or emotionally neglected, exposed to any form of violence or threat, exposed to any form of sexual exploitation, including the possession, manufacture, or distribution of child pornography, online solicitation, enticement, or showing of obscene material. You may not abdicate this reporting responsibility to any other person.

Steps to Report Child Abuse

1. Ensure the child is in a safe environment.
2. In cases of child abuse or medical emergencies, call 911 or law enforcement immediately. In addition, if the suspected abuse is in the Scout's home or family, you are required to contact the local child abuse prevention agency in the county where it occurred.
3. Notify the Scout Executive or his/ her designee at (585) 244-4210. This is an important step since it is possible that action must be taken by the BSA, even if no action can be taken by law enforcement.

Reporting Violations of Scouting Youth Protection Policies

If you think any of Scouting's Youth Protection policies have been violated but have no belief that abuse has occurred, you must notify the Scout Executive or his/ her designee so appropriate action can be taken. In addition to the direct contact numbers provided, to further encourage prompt reporting of any suspected violations of Youth Protection Policies or indications of possible abuse, a local toll-free Youth Protection Tipline has been created for individuals who wish to remain anonymous. Those calling this number will be able to leave a message.

SCOUTS FIRST HELPLINE 844-726-8871 / 1-844-SCOUTS1

Emergency Contact

Scout Executive
Stephen Hoitt
(585) 241-8554 office
(585) 734-5706 mobile

Director of Field Services
Ward Bramlett
(585) 241-8557 office
(813) 394-6070 mobile

MEDICAL EMERGENCY OR SERIOUS ACCIDENT/ FATALITY

1. Seek medical help through the camp leadership, by calling 911, or other means as necessary.
2. Notify Camp Ranger or Camp Director (if you are at a council camp).
3. Notify the Scout Executive at 585-241-8554 or Director of Field Service at 585-241-8557 if it is a serious accident or injury (if you are not at camp).
4. Parents should be notified through a designated council staff member when the injury is very serious.
5. Collect all information if medical care is required and submit the Incident Report Form on the next page to the Camping Department within 48 hours via email to camping@senecawaterways.org.

Incident Reporting

1. Notify Camp Ranger or Camp Director (if you are at a council camp).
2. Notify Scout Executive at 585-241-8554 or Director of Field Service 585- 241-8557 (if you are not at camp).
3. Collect all information and submit an Incident Report Form (<https://senecawaterways.org/forms/>).
4. The Scout Executive will be the public voice if needed.

Youth Protection Policies

SCOUTING'S POLICIES TO KEEP KIDS SAFE

Scouting's rules for keeping children safe apply to all Scouting volunteers and all youth members, whether during a Scouting event or activity OR a non-Scouting event, unless the youth is a member of the leader's family. Here is a partial list. Full details can be found online <https://senecawaterways.org/youth-protection-training/> as well as in the Guide to Safe Scouting. Adults are defined as 18 and older in all programs.

Two-deep leadership – Two registered adult leaders, 21 years or older, are required on all trips and outings. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth.

Adult Supervision/Coed Activities – Male and female adult leaders must be present for all overnight coed Scouting trips and outings, even those including parent and child. Both male and female adult leaders must be 21 years of age or older, and both must be registered members.

No one-on-one contact – One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted during or outside of Scouting events. In situations that require personal conferences, such as a Scoutmaster's conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of other adults and youth. Scouting volunteers are prohibited from one on one contact with a Scout (who is not a family member) outside of official Scouting events.

Respect of privacy – Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp, and intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.

Separate accommodations – When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than their own family member or legal guardian. When two youth share a room or tent, they should be no more than 2 years apart in age. When separate facilities are not available, separate times for male and female use should be scheduled and posted for showers. Lodging/Cabin Accommodations - whenever possible, separate cabins or lodging should be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth. Where separate accommodations cannot be provided due to group size or limited availability, modifications may be made. Where completely separate accommodations are not available, additional supervision is required.

Buddy System used at all times – The Buddy System is a safety measure for all Scouting activities. Buddies should know and be comfortable with each other. Self-selection with no more than two years age or significant differences in maturity should be strongly encouraged. When necessary, a buddy team may consist of three Scouts. No youth should be forced into or made to feel uncomfortable by a buddy assignment.

Inappropriate use of smart phones, cameras, imaging, or digital devices – Although most Scouts and leaders use cameras and other imaging devices responsibly, it is easy to unintentionally or inadvertently invade the privacy of other individuals with those devices. The use of any device capable of recording or transmitting visual images in or near shower houses, restrooms, or other areas where privacy is expected is inappropriate.

Hazing and bullying prohibited – Physical or emotional hazing, bullying, and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.

No secret organizations – Scouting does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program. All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.

Constructive discipline – Discipline used in Scouting should be constructive and reflect Scouting's values. Corporal punishment is never permitted.

Junior leader training and supervision – Adult leaders must monitor and guide the leadership techniques used by youth leaders and ensure that Scouting policies are followed. With separate sleeping/showering accommodations, youth leaders are key to expectations of appropriate behavior.

Digital communication – No one-on-one contact includes emails, text, social media and phone calls. Include another adult on all digital communications.

Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse – All persons involved in Scouting must report to local authorities any good faith suspicion or belief that any child is or has been physically or sexually abused, physically or emotionally neglected, exposed to any form of violence or threat, exposed to any form of sexual exploitation including the possession, manufacture, or distribution of child pornography, online solicitation, enticement, or showing of obscene material. This duty cannot be delegated to any other person.

Visit senecawaterways.org/youth-protection/ for additional rules and recommendations for units, parents, and youth members themselves.

Unit Planning

All youth join Scouting with the anticipation of a year of fun-filled activities. Those activities simply just don't appear, they must be planned and developed. Every unit should conduct a Unit Program Planning event. There are six key steps to achieving your ideal year in Scouting:

1. Plan

- Gather key dates from schools, charter partners, this planning calendar
- Review last year's program – what did the youth enjoy, what could be changed, what could be added?
- Brainstorm new opportunities – do you have older scouts that are looking to participate in the Trek program at Massawepie? Has your Cub Pack taken advantage of Cub Scout Adventure Camp?
- Prioritize – what are the most important things that you want the most participation? Some activities may need to be rotated on an annual basis
- Put it in writing – physically or digitally – and publish it
- Get buy-in from parents and scouts

2. Fund

- Use budget tools to develop a realistic unit budget – Camp Masters offers a free Excel tool that can be used to craft your budget, whether you sell popcorn or not
- Plan for anticipated and unanticipated expenses (Be Prepared)
- Encourage Scouts to set goals
- Do the work needed to raise the funds – you may have to add additional sales or fundraisers in order to meet the goal

3. Grow

- Working with your District Executive, develop a plan to recruit additional youth and parents into your unit – distributing flyers at local schools, presentations at church Sunday Schools, yard signs, posters, message boards, neighborhood associations or other opportunities
- Participate in community events or events at your charter partner/where your unit meets

4. Train

- Training is required for all positions – units work better when people understand how their roles fit together
- Cultivate someone at your unit to coach new parents in how to use My.Scouting, ScoutBook, sign up for the council e-newsletter, to better help their youth get more out of Scouting
- All cub packs must have BALOO certified leadership to go camping, and all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters must complete Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills to be fully trained

5. Recharter

- Take note of deadlines
- Backdate the collection of needed fees, signatures, and authorizations
- Submit documents on time

6. Assess

- At the end of the program year, take time to evaluate
- Involve scouts
- Keep records so you are ready for step 1 prior to starting the next program year

Range and Target Activities

Effective September 1, 2024, Scouting's Shooting Sports programs within all programs including Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting will be referred to as Range and Target Activities.

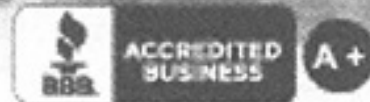
Note: As a reminder, the updated Cub Scout program effective June 1, 2024 includes elective adventures versus awards for Cub Scouts. These elective adventures can still only be offered at an accredited camp program (day camp, short-term camp, long-term camp) or a council organized one day event. For information on delivering these new elective adventures, please visit the shooting sports website.



In addition, effective September 1, 2024, the following changes will affect the range and target activities within Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting. All other current Scouting range and target activities policies as indicated in the National Shooting Sports Manual remain unchanged and must be followed. These changes will be reflected in the National Shooting Sports Manual on September 1, 2024 and will be updated periodically. Additional information regarding these changes can be found on the Shooting Sports FAQ website.



- Firearm programs may only take place on a nationally authorized camp property's range(s) or at a commercial firearm range. This does not apply to district or council programs that utilize BB devices*, but applies to pellet rifles, airsoft (any type), rifles, pistols, shotguns, and muzzle loading rifles and shotguns.
- The use of personal firearms and personal ammunition is prohibited in all Scouting programs at nationally authorized camp properties. Personal firearms and personal ammunition may be used at a commercial firearm range, subject to restrictions regarding caliber, gauge, and action as described in the National Shooting Sports Manual and herein.
- At a minimum, all Scouts BSA troops, Venturing crews, and Sea Scout ships who provide unit-level sponsored/planned range and target activities must have at least one registered unit leader 21+ years of age take the Range Activity SAFETY online training. This trained adult leader must be present at the range. The training is recommended for all unit leaders in Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting. Note this training does not replace the requirements for certified NRA firearms instructors and range safety officers. This training will be available beginning 9/1/2024.



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Our Lodge is divided into chapters that correspond with the districts of our council. Chapter meetings are usually held at each district's monthly roundtable event. Look for us there every month, we're the folks wearing the white sashes with our Scout uniform.



First Class Scouts with enough camping experience and who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their everyday lives are selected for membership by the members of their Troop. The OA provides leadership training and growth opportunities, promotes camping and works to instill the spirit of cheerful service in everyone.

Unit Leaders: Tschipey Achtu Lodge wants to help you with your unit Program!

Call on the Lodge to promote local camping opportunities, promote summer camp, perform Arrow of Light crossover ceremonies, and conduct Eagle ceremonies for Arrowmen who earn their Eagle.

Fun Fact: "Tschipey Achtu" translates from a Delaware-based Native American tongue to "Ghost Deer". Our Lodge name reflects the white deer found at the former Seneca Army Depot, these deer are unique to only a few sites in the US!



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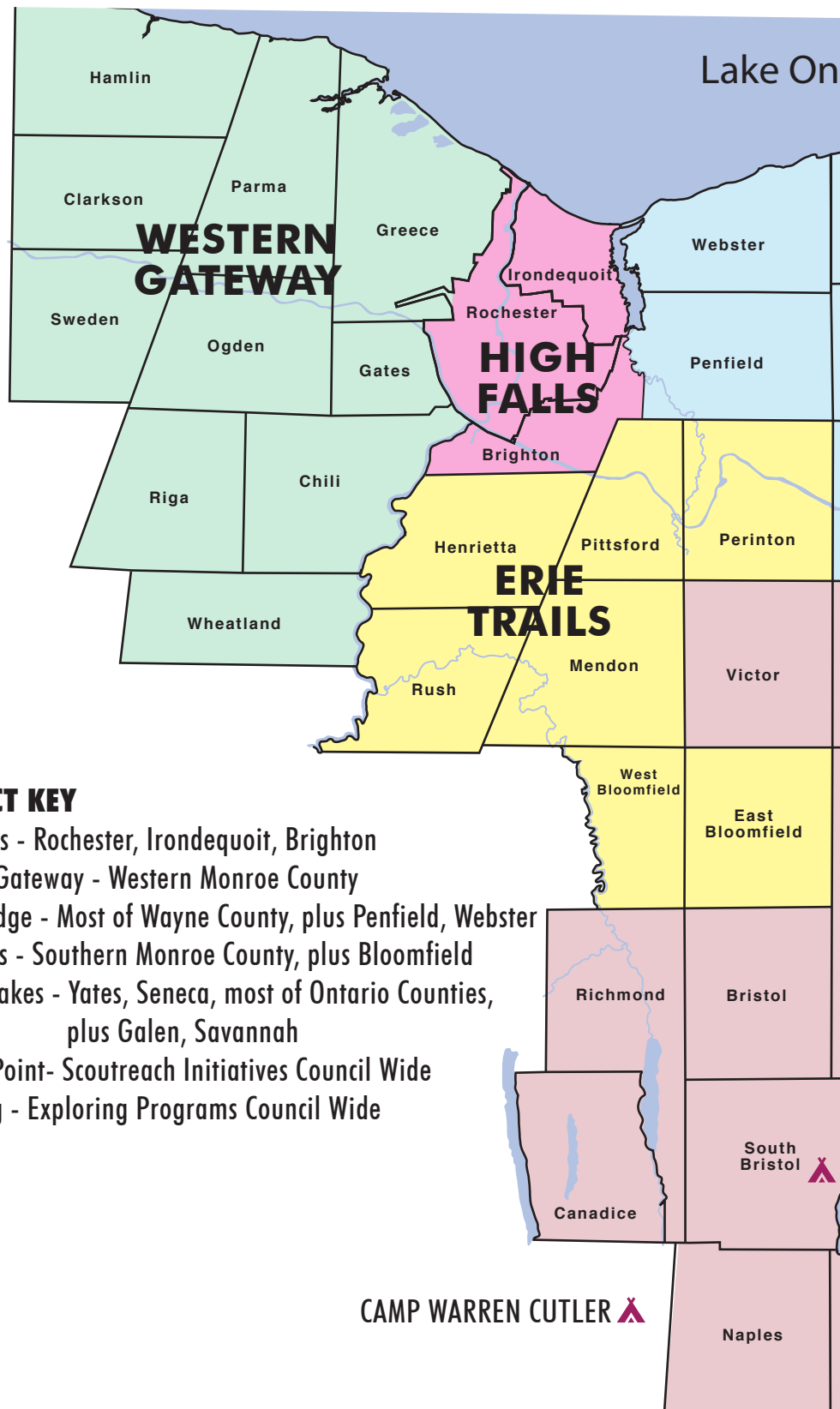
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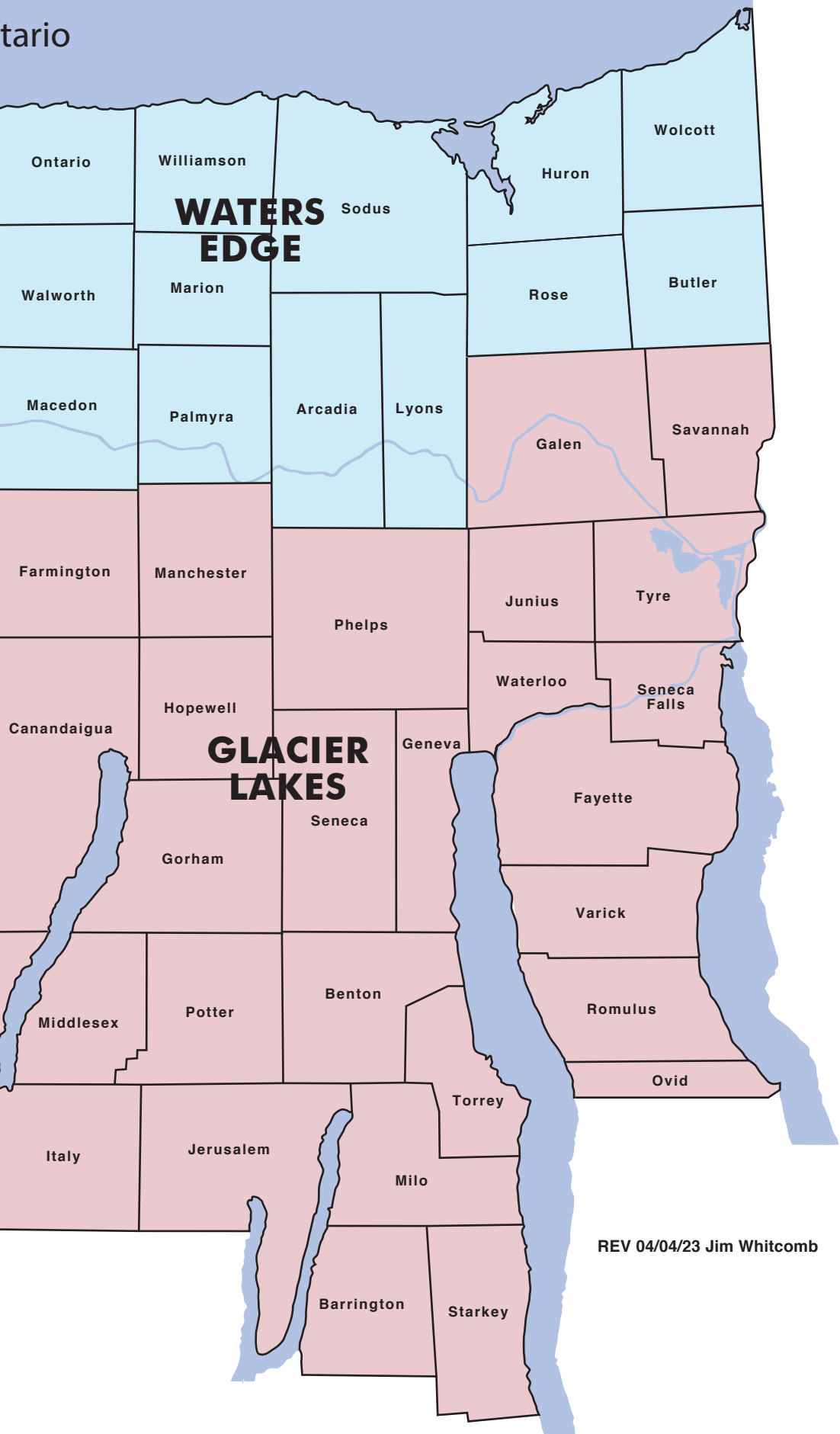
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August 2024

- **Western Gateway**
 - **Roundtable Meeting: August 7**
 - **District Committee Meeting: August 27**
- **Erie Trails**
 - **Roundtable: August 7**
 - **District Committee Meeting: August 7**
- **High Falls**
 - **Roundtable: August 8**
 - **District Committee Meeting: August 27**
- **Glacier Lakes**
 - **Roundtable: August 7**
 - **District Committee Meeting: August 28**
- **Waters Edge**
 - **Roundtable: August 1**
 - **District Committee Meeting: August 29**

Council Program & Membership Kickoff

The Seneca Waterways Council Kickoff is a key opportunity to prepare for the upcoming program year for your Scouts. This event offers a range of informative sessions tailored for Cub Scout Leaders, Scouts BSA Leaders, Venture Crew and Exploring Post Leaders, as well as Product Sale unit leaders. These sessions are designed to equip your unit for growth and enjoyment in the program.

Cub Scout Twilight Camp

Twilight Camp is an evening summer camp for Cub Scouts looking for adventure. Each year a new theme guides the activities available.

Cub Scout City Day Camp

For two weeks Cub Scouts embark on a summer camp in the City of Rochester. Each week will feature this thrilling theme with a variety of activities including archery, handicrafts, scoutcraft, STEM, and more, along with all your favorite scout traditions.



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August 2024



Seneca Waterways Council

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
National Order of the Arrow Conference						
Eagle Flight						
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)						
Massawepie Scout Camps - Adirondack Treks Week 5						
Massawepie Scout Camps - Camp Pioneer Week 5						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Eagle Flight	Twilight Camp					
Massawepie Scout Camps - Adirondack Treks Week 6						
Massawepie Scout Camps - Camp Pioneer Week 6						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Executive Board Meeting	Cub Scout Day Camp			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Council Kick-off	Cub Scout Day Camp				First Responders Camp	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
First Responders Camp						

September 2024

- **Western Gateway**
 - **Roundtable Meeting: September 4**
 - **District Committee Meeting: September 24**
- **Erie Trails**
 - **Roundtable: September 4**
 - **District Committee Meeting: September 4**
- **High Falls**
 - **Roundtable: September 12**
 - **District Committee Meeting: September 24**
- **Glacier Lakes**
 - **Roundtable: September 4**
 - **District Committee Meeting: September 25**
- **Waters Edge**
 - **Roundtable: September 5**
 - **District Committee Meeting: September 26**

Webelosree at Camp Cutler

This event provides an excellent opportunity to introduce Lion-Tiger Cubs to camping and allow Wolf-AOL Cubs to earn multiple adventure pins for rank advancement as they prepare to transition into Scouts. Cubs have the option to attend for the day on Saturday, stay overnight camping in tents or lean-tos for 1-2 nights, or choose to book a themed building or pod accommodation.



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September 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
		National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)				
8	9	10 Executive Committee Meeting	11	12	13	14 Scout Day Watkins Glen
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Fall Sporting Clays
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22 OA Fall Induction	23	24	25	26	27	28 Lobsterfest
					Webelosree	
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October 2024

- **Western Gateway**
 - **Roundtable Meeting: October 2**
 - **District Committee Meeting: October 29**
- **Erie Trails**
 - **Roundtable: October 2**
 - **District Committee Meeting: October 2**
- **High Falls**
 - **Roundtable: October 10**
 - **District Committee Meeting: October 22**
- **Glacier Lakes**
 - **Roundtable: October 2**
 - **District Committee Meeting: October 30**
- **Waters Edge**
 - **Roundtable: October 3**
 - **District Committee Meeting: October 31**

Challenge Trophy Camporee

The Seneca Waterways Challenge Trophy Camporee (CTC) is an annual weekend event brimming with over 800 activities, drawing more than 2,000 scouts and scouters from both the US and Canada. This vibrant camporee, held at the J. Warren Cutler Scout Reservation in Naples, NY, offers a unique opportunity for participants to earn, collect, and trade a wide array of patches.



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November 2024

- **Western Gateway**
 - **Roundtable Meeting: November 6**
 - **District Committee Meeting: November 26**
- **Erie Trails**
 - **Roundtable: November 6**
 - **District Committee Meeting: November 6**
- **High Falls**
 - **Roundtable: November 14**
 - **District Committee Meeting: November 26**
- **Glacier Lakes**
 - **Roundtable: November 6**
 - **District Committee Meeting: November 27**
- **Waters Edge**
 - **Roundtable: November 7**
 - **District Committee Meeting: November 21**

Basic First Aid and CPR/AED Training

Basic First Aid and CPR/AED training is designed to equip participants with essential life-saving skills. By participating in this training, Scouts and Scouters gain valuable knowledge and skills that can make a critical difference in emergency situations, enhancing safety and preparedness within the community.

Cast Iron Chef Challenge

In this weekend of culinary fun at Camp Cutler, enjoy the late fall weather and to show off your unit's cooking skills! Units can compete in a variety of categories such as Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Dessert, Cracker Barrel or Snack!

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

Cub Scout Leaders and Parents, learn how to effectively prepare and run fun-filled overnight and outdoor adventures that meet Youth Protection Guidelines and teach Cubs how much fun they can have in the great outdoors. Hands-on sessions include Outdoor Program Planning, Health and Safety, Nature Hikes, Camping Gear Basics, Games, and Cub Scout Cooking.



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December 2024

- **Western Gateway**
 - ▷ Roundtable Meeting: December 4
 - ▷ District Committee Meeting: December 31
- **Erie Trails**
 - ▷ Roundtable: December 4
 - ▷ District Committee Meeting: December 4
- **High Falls**
 - ▷ Roundtable: December 12
 - ▷ District Committee Meeting: December 24
- **Glacier Lakes**
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- **Waters Edge**
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December 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
		Friends of Scouting Dinner				
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
					OA Lodge Leadership Development Conference	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
OA Lodge Leadership		Executive Board Meeting				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Christmas Day			
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
		OA Dues				

January 2025

- **Western Gateway**
 - **Roundtable Meeting: January 1**
 - **District Committee Meeting: January 28**
- **Erie Trails**
 - **Roundtable: January 1**
 - **District Committee Meeting: January 1**
- **High Falls**
 - **Roundtable: January 9**
 - **District Committee Meeting: January 28**
- **Glacier Lakes**
 - **Roundtable: January 1**
 - **District Committee Meeting: January 29**
- **Waters Edge**
 - **Roundtable: January 2**
 - **District Committee Meeting: January 23**

Yeti Games

The Yeti Games at Camp Cutler is an exciting and unique winter event that challenges scouts to brave the cold and engage in a variety of fun, competitive activities. This annual event is designed to test participants' skills, teamwork, and resilience through a series of winter-themed games and challenges.

Massawepie Arctic Challenge

The Massawepie Arctic Challenge is a thrilling winter adventure at the picturesque Massawepie Scout Camp. This event invites Scouts to test their endurance, skills, and teamwork in a variety of arctic-themed challenges set against the stunning backdrop of a snow-covered wilderness.



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January 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						Basic First Aid & CPR/AED
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Executive Committee Meeting			Massawepie Arctic Challenge	Yeti Games
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	MLK Jr Day					
OA Lodge Banquet						
	Massawepie Arctic Challenge					
26	27	28	29	30	31	01

February 2025

- **Western Gateway**
 - **Roundtable Meeting: February 5**
 - **District Committee Meeting: February 25**
- **Erie Trails**
 - **Roundtable: February 5**
 - **District Committee Meeting: February 5**
- **High Falls**
 - **Roundtable: February 13**
 - **District Committee Meeting: February 25**
- **Glacier Lakes**
 - **Roundtable: February 5**
 - **District Committee Meeting: February 26**
- **Waters Edge**
 - **Roundtable: February 6**
 - **District Committee Meeting: February 27**

OKPIK & OKPIKATTAVIK

Camping in the snow is more than just summer camping with more clothes! Techniques and behavior are taught which will increase your enjoyment and safety and will add to your overall camping skills.

High Adventure: Sea Base

Seneca Waterways contingent of Scouts and Scouters who will be traveling together to Brinton Environmental Center on Summerland Key, Florida for an adventure at the BSA Sea Base. Sea Base is a unique Scouting program that offers aquatics programs found nowhere else.



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February 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
						Trainer's Edge
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Executive Board Meeting				Snowshoe Nature Hike Sea Base Expedition
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Presidents' Day					
						OKPIK & OKPIKATTAVIK
						Sea Base Expedition
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
OKPIK & OKPIKATTAVIK						

March 2025

- **Western Gateway**
 - **Roundtable Meeting: March 5**
 - **District Committee Meeting: None**
- **Erie Trails**
 - **Roundtable: March 5**
 - **District Committee Meeting: March 5**
- **High Falls**
 - **Roundtable: March 13**
 - **District Committee Meeting: March 25**
- **Glacier Lakes**
 - **Roundtable: March 5**
 - **District Committee Meeting: None**
- **Waters Edge**
 - **Roundtable: March 6**
 - **District Committee Meeting: March 27**

University of Scouting

This is a one-day supplemental training opportunity for all adults and youth (12 and above) covering general courses and is a fun opportunity to connect with others in the Scouting community across Seneca Waterways Council

Maple Sugar Weekend

Come for the day or camp all weekend. See a maple sugar demonstrations from tapping trees, collecting sap, boiling sap down to maple syrup and some sampling of the finished product.



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March 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Executive Committee Meeting			OA Winter Fellowship Weekend	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
OA Winter Fellowship Weekend						University of Scouting Maple Sugar Weekend
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

April 2025

- **Western Gateway**
 - **Roundtable Meeting: April 2**
 - **District Committee Meeting: April 22**
- **Erie Trails**
 - **Roundtable: April 2**
 - **District Committee Meeting: April 2**
- **High Falls**
 - **Roundtable: April 10**
 - **District Committee Meeting: April 22**
- **Glacier Lakes**
 - **Roundtable: April 2**
 - **District Committee Meeting: April 30**
- **Waters Edge**
 - **Roundtable: April 3**
 - **District Committee Meeting: April 24**

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills Training

A hands-on program that gives adult leaders the practical skills to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. We hold this course outdoors to help reinforce the “outdoor” experience that you will bring back to your scouts and troop.



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30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Executive Board Meeting				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter						
						Intro to Outdoor Leadership Skills
27	28	29	30	01	02	03

May 2025

- **Western Gateway**
 - **Roundtable Meeting: May 7**
 - **District Committee Meeting: May 27**
- **Erie Trails**
 - **Roundtable: May 7**
 - **District Committee Meeting: May 7**
- **High Falls**
 - **Roundtable: May 8**
 - **District Committee Meeting: May 27**
- **Glacier Lakes**
 - **Roundtable: May 7**
 - **District Committee Meeting: May 28**
- **Waters Edge**
 - **Roundtable: May 1**
 - **District Committee Meeting: May 22**



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Council Pinewood Derby

The Council Pinewood Derby brings together Scouts from across the region to showcase their creativity and engineering prowess.

Red Deer Day at Camp Cutler

We invite you to join us for the weekend to help ensure that Camp Cutler remains a top-notch experience for all scouts.

Tougher Scout Challenge

This is a patrol vs. patrol challenge weekend where patrols are given at a variety of scouting skill based challenges to demonstrate teamwork, skill, and scouting spirit.

Eagle's Flight Field Archery Classic

An archery tournament where teams are designated a starting station and then traverse and shoot a 14 station course.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation Training (BALOO)

An archery tournament where teams are designated a starting station and then traverse and shoot a 14 station course.

Tournament of Champions

This event is for Cubs, Scouts, Sea Scouts, Venture Crews, and Adults to compete in as many programs as possible. It will take cooperation, planning, teamwork, patience, and good sportsmanship to win this tournament.

May 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
						Red Deer Day
					Tougher Scout Challenge	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
						Eagle's Flight Field Archery Classic
Red Deer Family Day					Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation	
Tougher Scout Challenge					OA Spring Induction	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						Tournament of Champions
OA Spring Induction		Executive Committee Meeting			Wilderness First Aid Training	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Tournament of Champions						
Wilderness First Aid Training						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Memorial Day					
					OA Conclave	

June 2025

- **Western Gateway**
 - Roundtable Meeting: June 4
 - District Committee Meeting: June 24
- **Erie Trails**
 - Roundtable: June 4
 - District Committee Meeting: June 4
- **High Falls**
 - Roundtable: June 12
 - District Committee Meeting: June 24
- **Glacier Lakes**
 - Roundtable: June 4
 - District Committee Meeting: June 25
- **Waters Edge**
 - Roundtable: June 5
 - District Committee Meeting: June 26



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June 2025



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
OA Conclave						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Executive Board Meeting				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Juneteenth		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

July 2025

- **Western Gateway**
 - **Roundtable Meeting: None**
 - **District Committee Meeting: July 29**
- **Erie Trails**
 - **Roundtable: July 2**
 - **District Committee Meeting: July 2**
- **High Falls**
 - **Roundtable: July 10**
 - **District Committee Meeting: July 22**
- **Glacier Lakes**
 - **Roundtable: July 2**
 - **District Committee Meeting: None**
- **Waters Edge**
 - **Roundtable: None**
 - **District Committee Meeting: None**

Philmont Expedition

Seneca Waterways contingent of Scouts and Scouters will be traveling together to Cimarron, New Mexico for an adventure at Philmont Scout Ranch.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

NYLT is a leadership and team development experience developed by Scouts BSA to enable Scouting youth to lead their Scouting Troop, Crew or Ship.



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July 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
					Independence Day	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Massawepie Scout Camps - Camp Pioneer - Week 1						
Cub Scout Adventure Camp				Cub Scout Adventure Camp		
		Executive Committee Meeting				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Massawepie Scout Camps - Camp Pioneer - Week 2						
Cub Scout Adventure Camp				Cub Scout Adventure Camp		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			2025 Philmont Expedition			
Massawepie Scout Camps - Camp Pioneer - Week 3						
Cub Scout Adventure Camp				Cub Scout Adventure Camp		
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
National Youth Leadership Training						
2025 Philmont Expedition						
Massawepie Scout Camps - Camp Pioneer - Week 4						
Cub Scout Adventure Camp				Cub Scout Adventure Camp		

August 2025

- **Western Gateway**
 - **Roundtable Meeting: August 6**
 - **District Committee Meeting: August 26**
- **Erie Trails**
 - **Roundtable: August 6**
 - **District Committee Meeting: August 6**
- **High Falls**
 - **Roundtable: August 14**
 - **District Committee Meeting: August 26**
- **Glacier Lakes**
 - **Roundtable: August 6**
 - **District Committee Meeting: August 27**
- **Waters Edge**
 - **Roundtable: August 7**
 - **District Committee Meeting: August 28**

Council Program & Membership Kickoff

The Seneca Waterways Council Kickoff is a key opportunity to prepare for the upcoming program year for your Scouts. This event offers a range of informative sessions tailored for Cub Scout Leaders, Scouts BSA Leaders, Venture Crew and Exploring Post Leaders, as well as Product Sale unit leaders. These sessions are designed to equip your unit for growth and enjoyment in the program.



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August 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
National Youth Leadership Training						
2025 Philmont Expedition						
Massawepie Scout Camps - Camp Pioneer - Week 4						
Cub Scout Adventure Camp			Cub Scout Adventure Camp			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2025 Philmont Expedition		Massawepie Scout Camps - Camp Pioneer - Week 5				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Massawepie Scout Camps - Camp Pioneer - Week 6						
		Executive Board Meeting				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

September 2025

- **Western Gateway**
 - **Roundtable Meeting: September 3**
 - **District Committee Meeting: September 23**
- **Erie Trails**
 - **Roundtable: September 3**
 - **District Committee Meeting: September 3**
- **High Falls**
 - **Roundtable: September 11**
 - **District Committee Meeting: September 23**
- **Glacier Lakes**
 - **Roundtable: September 3**
 - **District Committee Meeting: September 24**
- **Waters Edge**
 - **Roundtable: September 4**
 - **District Committee Meeting: September 25**

Wood Badge

By taking Wood Badge, Scouters will acquire valuable tools such as listening, communicating conflict management, project planning, and leading change. Participants will better learn to understand and appreciate diversity and difference in our society. They will learn skills that will make them better Scout leaders.

Webelosree at Camp Cutler

This event provides an excellent opportunity to introduce Lion-Tiger Cubs to camping and allow Wolf-AOL Cubs to earn multiple adventure pins for rank advancement as they prepare to transition into Scouts. Cubs have the option to attend for the day on Saturday, stay overnight camping in tents or lean-tos for 1-2 nights, or choose to book a themed building or pod accommodation.



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September 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Executive Committee Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Wood Badge						Webelosree
28	29	30	01	02	03	04
Webelosree						

October 2025

- **Western Gateway**
 - **Roundtable Meeting: October 1**
 - **District Committee Meeting: October 28**
- **Erie Trails**
 - **Roundtable: October 1**
 - **District Committee Meeting: October 1**
- **High Falls**
 - **Roundtable: October 9**
 - **District Committee Meeting: October 28**
- **Glacier Lakes**
 - **Roundtable: October 1**
 - **District Committee Meeting: October 29**
- **Waters Edge**
 - **Roundtable: October 2**
 - **District Committee Meeting: October 23**

Challenge Trophy Camporee

The Seneca Waterways Challenge Trophy Camporee (CTC) is an annual weekend event brimming with over 800 activities, drawing more than 2,000 scouts and scouters from both the US and Canada. This vibrant camporee, held at the J. Warren Cutler Scout Reservation in Naples, NY, offers a unique opportunity for participants to earn, collect, and trade a wide array of patches.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation Training (BALOO)

An archery tournament where teams are designated a starting station and then traverse and shoot a 14 station course.



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October 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	Massawepie Fall Outdoor Challenge	
	Columbus Day					
Massawepie Fall Outdoor Challenge		Executive Board Meeting				BALOO
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
BALOO					Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills	
					Challenge Trophy Camporee	
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
Challenge Trophy Camporee						

November 2025

- **Western Gateway**
 - **Roundtable Meeting: November 5**
 - **District Committee Meeting: November 25**
- **Erie Trails**
 - **Roundtable: November 5**
 - **District Committee Meeting: November 5**
- **High Falls**
 - **Roundtable: November 13**
 - **District Committee Meeting: November 25**
- **Glacier Lakes**
 - **Roundtable: November 5**
 - **District Committee Meeting: November 26**
- **Waters Edge**
 - **Roundtable: November 6**
 - **District Committee Meeting: November 20**

Cast Iron Chef Challenge

In this weekend of culinary fun at Camp Cutler, enjoy the late fall weather and to show off your unit's cooking skills! Units can compete in a variety of categories such as Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Dessert, Cracker Barrel or Snack!



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November 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
						Cast Iron Chef Challenge
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Veterans Day				
		Executive Committee Meeting				Basic First Aid
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				Thanksgiving		
30	01	02	03	04	05	06

December 2025

- **Western Gateway**
 - **Roundtable Meeting: December 3**
 - **District Committee Meeting: December 30**
- **Erie Trails**
 - **Roundtable: December 3**
 - **District Committee Meeting: December 3**
- **High Falls**
 - **Roundtable: December 11**
 - **District Committee Meeting: December 23**
- **Glacier Lakes**
 - **Roundtable: December 3**
 - **District Committee Meeting: December 31**
- **Waters Edge**
 - **Roundtable: December 4**
 - **District Committee Meeting: December 18**



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December 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Executive Board Meeting				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Christmas Day		
28	29	30	31	01	02	03

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