



Northwest Community Newsletter

Serving the four Northwest Suburban Districts of the Pathway to Adventure Council

Blackhawk District - Des Plaines, Glenview, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Mount Prospect, Niles, Park Ridge, Rosemont, Schiller Park, and Skokie

North Woods District - Buffalo Grove, Wheeling, Prospect Heights, Arlington Heights and Mount Prospect

Pathfinder District - Elk Grove Village, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Roselle, Schaumburg, and Streamwood

Signal Hill District - Barrington, N. Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Lake Zurich, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Kildeer, Tower Lakes, Long Grove, Deer Park, Hawthorn Woods, N. Barrington, S. Barrington, Lake Barrington and Barrington Hills

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Key Dates

September Round Table

Where you will get flyers, yard sings, banners for prompting scouting and operating your sign up table. Rockets for new scouts who will be joining Scouting on September 17 will also be distributed.

September 17 – Scouting Sign Up Day

for greeting and engaging new scouts and their family in Scouting

September new parent pack meeting

time to build the rockets, plan for the big launch and introduce new boys and their families to Scouting and the Pack

October 3 – Launch Event Welcome new scouts, their families, and engage them with your Pack at a fun event for all to enjoy and see what makes Scouting a worthwhile and fun program of youth development.

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5 Ways to attract boys and parents to Scouting Sign up

1. Post your unit update on BE a Scout
2. Tell other parents in person, on Facebook, and in email
3. Scouts wear uniform to school and church, and give out airplane invitations
4. Distribute door hanger to your neighbors and flyers at your school
5. Put a yard sign in your yard or major neighborhood intersection



THE 2015 POPCORN SALE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

This year's sale is easier and more fun for you and your Scouts and there is a new 50% Above & Beyond bonus commission to help your unit make more money!

There are 5 conveniently located training sessions during the week of August 15-22 for unit kernels to attend before the Show & Sell order is due on Monday August 24.

Units must send a representative to at least one training to be eligible for a 4% bonus commission (units must also be an on-time unit to qualify for the bonus).

Click here for [Kickoff Schedule](#)

[More information and training registration](#)

Kernels should be setting up Site Sale locations and dates now! We just received confirmation from the Jewel Corporate Office that Units will be able to do site sales at local stores! Certificates of Insurance have been completed and are on file with Jewel. Please note that Kernels will need to contact the store management directly to set up the specifics. If you need a letter for another Site Sale location [click here for a general informational letter](#). For other Certificates of Insurance needed email the PTAC Popcorn Team at

• Sara.Guenthner@scouting.org



From Tom Krettler – Signal Hill District Committee Chairman

The **Blast into Scouting** is an important and fun event for our youth and units. It is a chance, as never before, to sign up boys and introduce their parents to Scouting. This program allows boys to become immediately engaged in the exciting activity of building and launching a rocket.

The Blast into Scouting is being coordinated across Northern Illinois by numerous Council and District volunteers as well as receiving financial support from community members who believe in scouting and the value it brings to our various communities.

The efforts of adult leaders from all Packs and Troops is needed to make the September 17 Blast into Scouting signup event a success. Pack leaders and adults need to prepare and hold the signup event as well as conduct the follow on pack meeting and then the October 3 launch. Troop leaders and Boy Scouts are needed to support the packs and assure every school with elementary age boys has the opportunity to sign up. Unit commissioners as well as district membership team members are contacting every unit to explain the program. A Kickoff Orientation and Training session for all unit leaders on August 20 In Palatine will provide materials and information to conduct the Blast into Scouting activities. I hope all unit leaders will take advantage of this Blast into Scouting to build scouting and units across our district. If you have not attended the Kickoff Orientation and Training Session, please attend the session Thursday August 20, 2015 7pm-9pm in Palatine.

Sincerely yours in Scouting,

Tom Krettler

This year the **Haunted Hike** is
hosting a **Carnival**.
A show to DIE for!

October 23 and 24th only at the:

Des Plaines Methodist Camp Ground
1890 East Algonquin Road
(Just East of River Road)
Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016

This event is produced and made possible by
the Scouts in the Lakota Lodge of the Order of
the Arrow.

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The Cook County Forest Preserve District has opened two campgrounds in the area. They provide close to home opportunities for units, teams, dens and patrols to have a camping experience. Scouting units and 501(C)(3) organizations receive a 50% discount on camping fees. Check them out and take advantage of the chance to camp close to home.

Camp Reinberg (now open year around)

1801 N Quentin Road
Palatine, Illinois
Phone: 312-636-9750

Dan Beard (opening in August for seasonal camping)

200 Portwine Road
Northbrook, Illinois
Phone: 312-636-9860

Email: info@cookcountycamping.com

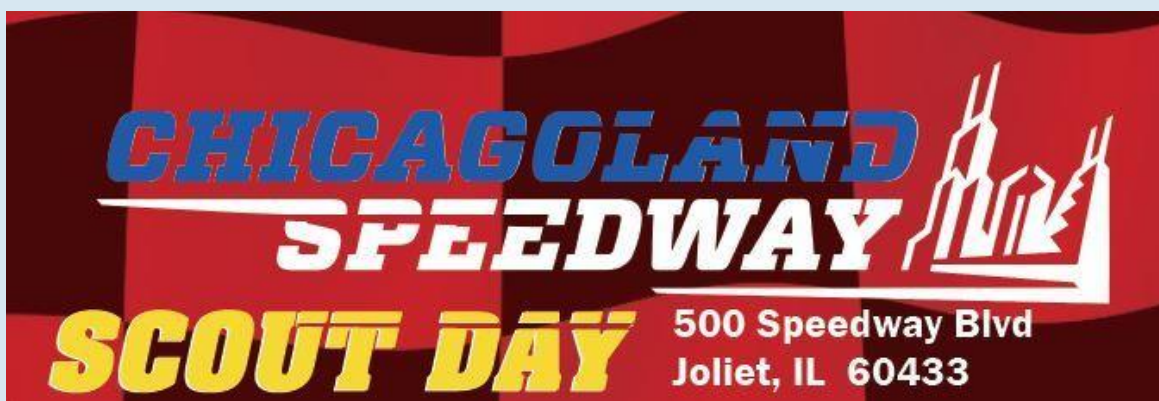
More information at <http://fpdcc.com/camping/camp-reinberg/>

Cub Day Camp Shout Out

Hi All, I just wanted to let you know that the NWSC Barrington Day Camp July 28-30 went well, with 63 Cubs having a great Day Camp Experience. We had a good camp staff turn out all three days. We usually had 2 staff members at each station.

I would like to thank Paul Rudnicki, Joanne Bilas, Bill Crewe, Tom Krettler, Kathy Cassady, Susan Julian, Richard Nuccio, Tom Levernz, Mark Niggemann, Jeff Camiliere, and Debbie Nudo, for all their help. We also have a special thank you to Sher Wyatt for her great leadership for leading this Cub Day Camp. Also, I would like to thank Lisa Earley and all the other council staff that came out to help our Cub Scouts. I was proud to help give leadership to such a great group of Scout Leaders. Yours In Scouting, Terry

Terry Parke | Senior District Executive
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Northwoods District – Tuesday September 8, 2015 7:30 to 9 pm - St. Simon's Episcopal Church, 717 W. Kirchoff Rd., Arlington Heights, Illinois

Learn what the Northwoods District has in store for the next 9-12 months including camporees, training events, outings, dinners, etc. Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venture Crew leaders should attend to get the latest information for their planning calendars. Additional information and packets will be available for the highly anticipated Blast Into Scouting Event starting on September 17th at all the local area elementary schools! [More](#)

Signal Hill District – Thursday August 20 and September 3, 2015 7:30 to 9 pm - Immanuel Lutheran Church, 200 N. Plum Grove Rd., Palatine, Illinois

August 20 is the district Blast into Scouting orientation and training Roundtable. The September 8 Roundtable will be devoted to rocket and promotional supply distribution for all school locations outside Lake Zurich, as well be a final preparation for Thursday September 17 Scouting Sign Up Day and Saturday October 3 Launch Event.

IMPORTANT: Lake Zurich School District locations will have Scouting Sign Up Day on Tuesday September 1. Therefore, Lake Zurich Unit leaders need to attend the August 20 orientation and training to get instructions for handling scout registrations on September 1.

[More](#)

Pathfinder District - Monday September 14, 2015 7:30-9:00 pm - Church of the Latter Day Saints, 1320 W. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg Illinois

Roundtable will include distribution of flyers, yard sings, and banners for prompting scouting and operating Unit Blast into Scouting sign up table. There will also be distribution of rockets for new scouts who will be joining Scouting on September 17 and guidance in submitting new scout applications. [More](#)

Blackhawk District - Tuesday September 8, 2015 7:30 to 9 pm - Christ Church, 1492 Henry St., Des Plaines, Illinois

Roundtable will include distribution of flyers, yard sings, banners for prompting scouting and operating Unit Blast into Scouting sign up table. There will also be distribution of rockets for new scouts who will be joining Scouting on September 17 and guidance in submitting new scout applications. [More](#)



CHICAGO WHITE SOX

The White Sox offer a special Scout Day on Saturday August 29.
The game provides a great outing for the Pack, Team, Den, Troop, Patrol or Family.
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Ask A Scouter

If you have a scouting question our Ask A Scouter corner will provide answers. Questions that need an answer from an experienced scouter might be: Where can I find program ideas that will interest boys, What are ways to make the Pack meeting memorable, What can we do to get parents engaged in the Pack? What camping gear should we buy for a Tenderfoot scout? Send the question to NWSCNews@Yahoo.com and we will do our best to find an answer from our pool of experienced scouters.

Send the questions in and get the answers you need.

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Welcome to a brand-new year of Scouting awesome! Whether you're a first-time Scout or a returning one, we're making it a little easier to gear up in one fell swoop.

Now through October 25th, when you purchase a complete uniform at a the [PTAC NWS Community Scout Shops](#) or [online](#), you'll save 10% on your entire purchase. So now's the time to rock a fresh new uniform and grab the new gear and accessories you need.

Newsletter submissions

If you are planning an event, or have a unit accomplishment that you desire to have published in the PTAC Northwest Suburban Community Newsletter submit the information through the PTAC website.

News and information for the community newsletter can be submitted at <http://pathwaytoadventure.org/resources/marketing/> using the "Newsletter Content Submission Form."

There is a positive correlation between event publicity and attendance. Make your event know to over 2,000 volunteers in the four Northwest Suburban Community PTAC districts by submitting the event information.

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