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Help Boost the Blast into Scouting

The Blast into Scouting campaign is the first of its kind bridging three states; Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin; and built on the concept that **"Everyone Can Get Involved"**!

Here are three ways you can help boost the Blast into Scouting:

1. Help with signup at a school on September 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Help at one of the over 1,100 schools to welcome new families. View the [13 minute training video is available here](#), then [sign up here](#).
2. Help at the launch event on Saturday October 3rd. Your help for a few hours, as staff for the rocket launch or other fun activities will be most appreciated. [Here is list of locations](#) and [sign up here](#).
3. Assist at a [drop-off site](#) or [community service center](#) headquarters on Thursday September 17. You would help accept and track new scout registrations from from 8 to 10 pm and celebrate the new members. [Sign up here](#).

[More campaign headquarters and ways to help information is available here.](#)

Application turn-in on September 17th

1. Retain the "pack copy" of all



Make the Blast into Scouting Viral

Yes, social media is powerful! Your help is needed to build awareness of the Blast into Scouting campaign.

1 - **Post the Rocketman video on Facebook, Twitter feeds, and websites:**

Post the link below to your Facebook page, Twitter feeds, and websites;

English

version <http://www.scoutchannel.org/#!/pathway-to-adventure/c1vjv>

Spanish version <https://youtu.be/MXr825HSkeA>

2 – **Post the Blast into Scouting image as your Facebook cover photo:**

Upload and post the [Blast into Scouting image](#) as your Facebook cover photo until September 18th (right click, save to your computer, then upload)

3 - **Submit or publish the Press Release on web news-sites or blogs:**

Press release [Boy Scouts of America Invites Families to "Blast into Scouting" in Campaign Bridging 3 States](#)

4 – **Add the Blast into Scouting image to your Email Signature block:**

Add to your email signature block the [Blast into Scouting image](#) (right click and save to your computer)

4 more way to attract boys to Signup night

- applications
2. **Bring the following items to assigned [drop-off site](#)**
- Completed registration forms
 - Completed roster and envelope
 - Collected funds
 - Remaining rockets

At the drop-off site 1 rocket engine will be given for every registration.

- 1 Tell other parents in person, on Facebook, and in email
- 2 Scouts wear their uniform to school and church, and give invitations to friends
- 3 Distribute [door hanger](#) to your neighbors and [flyers](#) at your school
- 4 Put a Yard sign in your yard or major intersection.

[Signup Event Check List](#)

[Pack Orientation Meeting Guidance](#)



From Brett Williams – Blackhawk District Executive

Since the beginning of June, I have had the pleasure of serving the Blackhawk District as the new District Executive. I come to scouting as a recent Bradley University graduate with my Master's in Nonprofit Leadership. Although new to scouting, I bring with me professional and volunteer experience with a variety of nonprofit organizations such as the Alzheimer's Association, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the United Way. During my two years in graduate school, I managed a tutoring program which served 250 youth in the Peoria area. This experience sparked my passion for helping youth to succeed and to reach their full potential. I fully believe in the scouting program, and know that I'm right where I need to be to follow my passion.

As an "outsider," I am extremely grateful to have been welcomed into the scouting family by so many volunteers with a passion for scouting and serving youth. I look forward to meeting all unit leaders and volunteers at future unit meetings, district programs, and council events, such as the Blast into Scouting.

On September 17th the Blast into Scouting signup event will be taking place at our local elementary schools. We have a tremendous opportunity to reach thousands of families and grow the scouting community. But, we can't do it alone. Your help is needed to make Blast into Scouting successful, whether covering a school that evening, assisting at one of the drop-off centers, or promoting the event at your business to friends, and having your scout wear their uniform Thursday. If you can volunteer, [let your District Executive know](#). I would love for you to join me in helping on September 17th, so all families have a chance to join scouting.

Yours in Scouting,

Brett Williams

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**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.

[Read More](#)



It's not too late to order Show & Sell Popcorn!!

Need more popcorn for your unit *Show & Sell* site sales? Re-orders are due Monday September 21. Re-Order distribution is Saturday, October 3. Information about distribution locations is [available here](#) !

Where's the Mystery House? Clues will be posted weekly on the [Council's popcorn page!](#) Good luck to Scouts who are out selling door to door in search of the Mystery houses!

Visit the [PTAC Popcorn website](#) for more information about this year's sale.

Questions? Email the popcorn team at PopcornSale@Scouting.org or [contact your District Kernel or District Executive](#).

5th Annual Area 7 Venturing Extravaganza



- What: High COPE, Climbing, Archery, Shotgun Shooting, Inflatable fun, Dutch Oven Cooking, Pistol Shooting. lunch and dinner, and more !! Camping available Friday and Saturday night
- When: Saturday, October 3, 2015 - Check in 7 - 8 am
- Where Rainbow Scout Reservation in Morris Illinois

Early Bird registration closes September 20, [More Information and Registration](#)



Webelos Unplugged

October 2- 4, 2015

Camp Lakota, Woodstock, Illinois

All 1st and 2nd year Webelos are invited to a fun and fabulous weekend. Prior years it has been sold out. Don't miss this weekend at Camp Lakota, register now.

Register At: pathwaytoadventurecouncil.doubleknot.com

Event Contact: Mary Hoy (847)372-2580 - hoymy@hotmail.com

[More](#)



3 Ways you can assure every scout has a trained leader!

Scouting is not hard, but adult leaders need to understand principles of scouting, and have the knowledge and skills to deliver the age appropriate Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venturing program. Here are three ways you can assure every scout has a trained leader.

1. Know the training needed to be considered trained for your volunteer position and verify your training record reflects all that training. [Click here for the training needed](#). Check MyScouting.org for your training record. If you have taken training needed but it is not in your record visit <http://tinyurl.com/NWSCtraining> to request your training record be updated.
2. If you need training, take the online training at MyScouting.org, or see if the course is available at the [University of Scouting on October 17 in Chicago](#) or [Council Training Academy, CTA, on November 14th in Schaumburg](#). Register and attend.
3. Encourage other adults to be trained in scouting principles, and get the knowledge and skills for their current or future positions serving youth in your unit. Show them how easy it is and the value gained from BSA training.



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Saturday, October 17, 2015.

UNO Veterans Memorial Campus (Near Midway Airport)
4248 W 47th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Courses in English and Spanish open to Adult leaders and Boy Scouts

Sessions include

Cub Scout courses such as

- Cub Scout Den Leader Training
- Working with ADHD and ADD
- Planning the Pack Annual Program

Boy Scout courses such as

- Building a Culture of Boy Leadership
- The Scoutmaster's Conference
- ScoutBook (Computer Course)

Venturing, Sea Scout, Commissioner, First Aid/CPR and STEM Courses too.

If register by October 3, fee is \$25, Youth \$10

[Registraton and More](#)



COUNCIL TRAINING ACADEMY

Hosted by PTAC NWC Pathfinder District

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader!

Saturday, November 14, 2015
St. Peter Lutheran Church & School
202 E. Schaumburg Road
Schaumburg, Illinois

Courses include:

- **NEW** Cub Scout Specifics – more than the on-line version
- OWL (Outdoor Webelos Leader)
- Den Chief Training
- **NEW Updated!** Scoutmaster Specifics
- **NEW Syllabus!** Venturing Leader Specifics
- Troop Committee Specifics
- Charter Organization Representative training
- Dutch Oven 101

Many sessions are open to Boy Scout youth too.

Information and registration will be available online through [Doubleknot](#)

Registration fee is \$10.00 *

* A few courses have an additional fee to cover books and supplies

Registration Deadline is November 7, 2015



OKPIK cold weather camping training provides leaders and scouts the knowledge and experience to lead their unit to fun year-around camping experiences. The four 4 hour indoor sessions are October 18, November 1, November 15 and December 6, 2015 from 1 pm to 5 pm in Arlington Heights at 1903 E. Euclid Ave. (Near Northwest Community Hospital). The outdoor practical experience is January 9 and 10, 2016 at Camp Lakota in Woodstock, Illinois.

[Registration is open now.](#)



Photo submitted by Will Biersdorf

Eagle Scout Christopher Biersdorf of Troop 166 stands at his completed service project, a new asphalt path for residents to the St. Joseph's Home pond.



Photo submitted by Carl Laub

Mario and Margaret DiLullo congratulate Eagle Scout John Meyer of Troop 6 and present him one of two \$500 scholarship awards for his outstanding service project.

2015 Eagle Scout DiLullo Scholarship Recipients Named

Christopher Biersdorf, Troop 166 of Arlington Hts., and John Meyer, Troop 6 of Des Plaines, were selected to receive the 2015 Joseph DiLullo Scholarships. This was the 26th year in which Scouts awarded Eagle Scout have received scholarships from Mario and Margaret DiLullo. The scholarship, in honor of their son Joseph, is awarded annually to Eagle Scouts who contribute significant service projects to the community, have excellent school grades, and been admitted to a four year college or university. Scholarships are awarded each year based on applications submitted by July. Applications are provided in Life to Eagle Scout packets.



FALL MERIT BADGE CLINIC



October 17 – in Schaumburg and October 31 in Palatine

October 17, 2015 starting 9:00 AM Sharp to 1:00 PM

Our Savior United Church
701 E Schaumburg Rd,
Schaumburg, Illinois

[More](#)

October 31, 2015 starting 9:00 AM to Noon (last scout admitted 11:30 AM)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
200 N Plum Grove Road
Palatine, Illinois

[More](#)

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interactive website
takes the guesswork
out of uniform
shopping.

Welcome to Scouting!

Check Out bsauniforms.org
It's Redesigned and More Comprehensive Than Ever!

For new Scouting families, it's the perfect place to start. Not only does bsauniforms.org answer all your uniform questions before you shop, but you're just in time to enjoy the site's **new 2015**

redesign!

It's a fun way to find out exactly what any Scout's uniform requires-and have some fun while you're learning. Interactive design is more comprehensive and easier to access... try it out on your mobile devices! And the new 2015 re-vamp features exciting new uniform pieces and insignia, so check out what's new for your Scouting program.

And, just in case those new to Scouting aren't signed up for ScoutStuff emails yet, please share the news about this great, one-stop shopping opportunity! They can do their research, then be directed to the [ScoutStuff](#) site to learn even more and make their purchases.

Remember 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. There is a [handy guide to use in shopping for your uniform right here](#).

Reconstitution

Eugene of Troop 398 in Hanover Park - The Northern Illinois Food Bank recognized Eugene with the Youth Volunteer of the Year award at its Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event. See [photos of the presentation](#) and [Eugene](#). Congratulations Eugene!

Shane, 11 years old, from Pathfinder District Troop 297 won a \$280.00 campership as a result of participation in the Recruit-A-Friend Contest. He asked his dad if he could give it to another scout who could not go to camp because of expenses, since Shane was already going to Napowan and "didn't need it." Because of Shane's generosity and his living the Scout Law and Oath, another boy was able to gain a weeks worth of memories, skills, and Scouting experiences. Shane is proof that there are no age limit to being a role model.

John C. "Jack" Peterson, veteran scouter in the Northwest Suburban Community Blackhawk District passed away Wednesday September 2nd. Jack served two terms as Council President during which the Diamond Jubilee of Scouting was celebrated in 1985. For over seven decades he was involved as a youth and a multi-tasking volunteer serving in unit, district, council, area and the national council roles. Jack will be missed, but remembered for what he did for scouting and youth.

Scouts of Troop 1 in Park Ridge contributed over 150 hours enhancing the Messiah Lutheran Church campus. [See them in the Trib](#). Looks like they had some fun too.

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 known to over 2,000 volunteers in the four Northwest Suburban Community PTAC districts by submitting your event information.

[Click to Submit news for the NWSC Newsletter](#)

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