

July 2025



Scouting America™

Southern Sierra Council

SSC Scouting News

Keeping you up to date with what is happening in the Southern Sierra Council.

[SSC Website Link](#)

***Be sure to select "View Entire Message" at the bottom of page one to see full newsletter - Plus forward to your unit families
NEW INFORMATION ALL THE WAY TO THE LAST PAGE!!***



Award orders can be emailed ahead to be pulled and have ready when you arrive.
Email (Advancement reports and a PO) to cbasham3504@gmail.com
Shipping is available



[SSC Program Committee Meeting](#)

**Program Committee Meeting
No July meeting due to holiday**

The SSC Program Committee is responsible for strengthening and enriching unit program by overseeing the program functions of Activities & Civic Service; Advancement; Camping; and Training.

[Council Website & Calendar](#)

www.sscscouts.org

[Council Facebook Page](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/sscscouts>

Both are great ways to keep up with what's

happening throughout the month and for the upcoming year.



Council Upcoming Dates to Remember
(See articles below for details)

- July 1 - Twilight Camp registration deadline
- July 3 - No Program Committee Mtg.
- July 4 - Office & Trading Post Closed
- July 7-11 - Cub Twilight Camp
- July 19 - Scout Skate Party
- July 19 - Popcorn Kickoff
- July 24 - OA LEC - No meeting
- July 27-Aug 2 - NYLT
- Aug 4 - Popcorn - Storefront Order #1 Due online
- Aug 7 - OA BBQ/Pool Party
- Aug 7 - SSC Program Committee Meeting
- Aug 9 - Scout Swim Party
- Aug 14 - Roundtable - Growing Your Pack/Troop
- Aug 19 - Council Training Planning Meeting
- Aug. 20 - Life to Eagle Workshop
- Aug 21 - Jamboree Troop Meeting
- Aug 23 - Blaze into Scouting
- Aug. 28-29 - Popcorn - Storefront Pick up #1
- Aug 29 - Popcorn - Storefront Sale Begins

**Scout Office
&
Trading Post Hours**

**Monday to Friday
12 pm to 5 pm**

**The Scout Office & Trading Post
will be closed Friday, July 4**



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**Cub Scout Twilight Camp
July 7-11 - 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm**



Twilight Camp - July 1 is the Final Day to Register - \$75 per scout
Twilight Camp - <https://scoutingevent.com/030-July25>

Monday, July 7 to Friday, July 11
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Noble Park - NE corner of Belle Terrace & P St.

Open to Tiger Wolf, Bear, Webelos & AOL Scouts!
Tigers must have an adult partner at all times

Packs must provide one trained adult for every 5 scouts

Contact Camp Directors with Questions
Heather Kampa - 661-304-3424 or Stevie McDonald - 949-421-8334

Cub Scout Day Camp Invention Convention Appreciations



This year's Cub Scout Day Camp was 4 days of fun and creativity!

Held at Centennial Elementary, over 40 cub scouts got to put on their lab coats and be inventors. So many fun contraptions and messy experiments! They competed in their dens by building "Battle Bots". They made crazy concoctions in the Food Reactor; like turning a boiled potato into candy! Electromagnets,

elephant toothpaste, water wheels, marble mazes, hovercrafts, kaleidoscopes! And they still had time to visit the ranges to shoot BB guns and bows and arrows. Special activities included a demonstration of Chevron's robotic dog and BUBBLE CANNONS!

We greatly appreciate all the parents and volunteers that made this event possible. An extra big thanks goes to Stevie McDonald and Heather Kampa for the numerous hours of planning and leading the event.

If you missed it, many of the same activities will be offered at Twilight camp, July 7th-11th. See registration details above.



And now that we've played around with modern day science, we hope you'll join us in the prehistoric past for
Cub Scout Day Camp 2026- DINOTOPIA



2026 National Scout Jamboree
Join the Adventure TODAY!



July 22- 31, 2026

Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia

- 15,000 Scouts, Leaders & Service Team
- Zipline - one of the longest in North America
- World-Class Skate Park
- ATV Offerings
- Treetop Canopy Tours
- Rock Climbing
- Water Activities
- Patch Trading
- Stadium Shows
- and more...

Jamboree is just 1 year away. Get registered NOW!

We'd like to take a contingent of all Southern Sierra Council scouts, however we need to have 4 full patrols of 8 scouts, and right now we have just over 2 patrols registered.

Register NOW to reserve your spot before we begin talking to neighboring councils about taking some of their waiting list scouts to help us fill out the contingent. Once our contingent is full you would be placed on a waiting list and we don't want that for any of our council's scouts.

Scouts & Parents Monthly Meetings begin Thursday, August 21, 2025 @ 7:00pm at Stine School (4300 Wilson Road) in Bakersfield

All Scouts BSA youth & parents are invited to attend. Spots are filling up - so join the contingent today!

The Southern Sierra Council has a contingent of Scouts and leaders that will make the journey to the National Scout Jamboree. The trip includes a tour of the Washington, DC area several days before the Jamboree.

Scouts ages 12 (by the opening of the Jamboree in 2026) and up are eligible to attend and participate in the Council's contingent to the Jamboree.

The cost of this trip is \$5,200, and includes the Jamboree fee, the Washington tour, all overnight accommodations, meals, airfare, and some equipment needed for the event. We have established a payment plan and also provide fundraising opportunities to help any Scout that wants to attend earn the money to go.

Registration for this event is now open. Here is the link to use for initial registration, deposit and future payments: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-Jambo26>. Scouts will also be required to get a recommendation from their Scoutmaster (form will be available via the registration link). To complete registration, a \$325 deposit must also be paid.

There are also opportunities for volunteers to participate at the National Scout Jamboree as a member of the Jamboree Service Team. More information about Jamboree Service Team can be found at www.jamboree.scouting.org under the JST/Staff tab.



POPCORN! POPCORN! POPCORN!
Popcorn Kickoff - Saturday, July 19



The Trails End Popcorn Sale is back for 2025. Last year our Packs & Troops put over \$114,000 into their Scouting adventures by selling popcorn. The average unit commission was 42%... well above the national average. Southern Sierra Scouts sell over \$1,200 each... INCREDIBLE!!!

If you are looking for a fundraiser that provides huge opportunity, no up-front costs for the product, and has an excellent rewards program for the Scouts... Trails End Popcorn is for you. There are several ways to sell popcorn: storefront, wagon sales, and online direct

sales. You unit can earn up to 42% commission. Product will be available to sell starting August 29.

Come join us at the 2025 Popcorn Kickoff in person on Saturday, July 19 @ 10:00am at Rollerama - 7850 Brimhall OR via Zoom on Saturday, July 19 @ 2:00pm.

There are benefits for attending: your Pack or Troop will receive an additional 2% commission. Attendees will also receive a \$10 Starbucks gift card. We will review the plan for the 2025 sale, including reserving storefront locations.

Please RSVP for the Popcorn Kickoff to Cindy at cbasham3504@gmail.com

Note: Roller Skating Party - Same time, same location

Note to Unit Popcorn Kernels:

Refer to Dawn's June 30 email for additional info

Please be sure to approach your unit's assigned home stores. Kernels should let Dawn Goodman know by July 14 about their store's response. That will give Dawn time to prepare the storefront spreadsheet before the Popcorn Kickoff on July 19.

Dawn Goodman - Council Popcorn Chair
[\(814\) 215-1094](tel:8142151094) or dkjay279@gmail.com

Membership/Recruiting

Blaze Into Scouting Recruiting Event



Partnering with fire stations in the greater Bakersfield area, the Southern Sierra Council is getting kids fired up for Scouting!

On Saturday, August 23rd, help show off how much fun Scouting is by offering games and activities.

Have your scouts spread the word to their friends at school. Scouts and non-scouts will be able to visit select fire stations and talk to firefighters, see their gear and the awesome trucks they use to help our communities.

Troops and packs will be onsite from 10am-noon to tell families about scouting and how to sign up and get in on the fun of Scouting.

Peer-to-Peer Recruiting

Scouts - Recruit a friend to join Scouting

Once the new recruit is registered the original scout will receive a lantern with flip-top fan, a SSC Recruiter Patch & a recruiter strip for their uniform.



New scout will receive a SSC Recruiter Patch

Unit Leaders - Contact Cindy at the Council office to receive recognition items for the Scout & new recruit.

Roundtable Topic Growing Your Pack/Troop

Thursday, August 14

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

This evening will feature:

- Fall Membership Plan
- Best practices for recruiting
- Retention tips and tricks
- Planning an engaging unit program
- Making & maintaining connections



Badgers Make Important Contributions to Southern Sierra Scouting



Invitation - Join the Southern Sierra Council's Badger Troop - Southern Sierra Council's recurring gift club.

By contributing \$20 or more per month by credit or debit card, you'll help provide a sustainable funding source for local Scouting programs.

Recurring gifts are a convenient way to support Scouting in our community. Over the course of the year your monthly donation becomes a significant contribution to making Scouting happen.

To join the Badger Troop, click this link
<https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/030/appeal/5374>

New Den Meeting Card Deck for Cub Scout Leaders Rank-Aligned. Program-Approved. Den Meetings Made Easy.



Cub Scout Den Meeting Activity Card Decks, developed to support unit-level program delivery and simplify Den meeting planning.

Each deck includes 116 cards, customized by rank (Lion through Arrow of Light), and covers:

- All six Required Adventures with activity cards for every requirement
- Four to five Elective Adventures per rank
- 5–10 Fun & Game Cards to drive engagement
- Leader Resource Cards covering onboarding, safeguarding, and training support

Created with volunteer input and aligned with the latest Cub Scout program updates, these

decks also integrate with new support tools available at Scouting.org—ideal for both new and experienced leaders.

Each deck is \$14.99 - payable upon delivery

If you or your pack are interested in ordering these new card decks
Please email your order to cbasham3504@gmail.com by Tuesday, July 15.
Please specify the rank or ranks for your order
Delivery will be in August

Advancement News

Personal Management Merit Badge



Saturday, September 13, 2025
(Session 1)
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Scout Office

What: Success in school, sports and life depends on appropriate training, planning & management. Personal Management is an Eagle-required Merit Badge and often considered one of the most difficult merit badges. It is designed to work on time (requirements 1, 2 & 3), money (requirements 4, 5, 6 & 7) and project management (requirements 8, 9, & 10) and is good preparation for Scouts thinking about planning their own Eagle projects.

This session will be interactive and will include requirements - 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 10.

Requirements 2, 8, & 9 will be assigned to complete by the second session - Saturday December 13.

Class limit - 15 scouts

Bring a sack lunch & water bottle (there will be a "working" lunch)

Location: Scout Office - 2417 M Street - Bakersfield

Cost: \$5.00 per scout

ALL Participant MUST turn in an "AB Medical" form (will be returned at the end of the day)

Register online starting Monday, July 14 at: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-PM25>

Engineering Merit Badge
Virtual - Sponsored by the Harley-Davidson Museum

Scout Virtual Experience

\$20 per Scout

Saturdays @ 8:30 AM (Central Time) & Tuesdays
 @ 6:30 PM (Central Time)



This new 90-minute online program is open to all scouts. Our program facilitator will guide the scouts and explore the role an engineer when creating a Harley-Davidson® motorcycle. The nine requirements for the Engineering Merit Badge will be discussed during this virtual, interactive experience.

REGISTRATION is required at least one week in advance so that scouts are able to complete the at-home activities prior to the virtual session.

Pre-Work:

There are 4 activities to complete prior to the virtual session. These activities are things that cannot be done in a virtual setting. They

should not take more than 1 or 2 hours. Instructions for these activities will be sent out after registration has been received.

PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:

- Downloadable activity booklet used for the program
- 90-minute facilitated program
- Signed digital blue card upon completion of merit badge (one blue card per registration)
- Exclusive H-D Museum® patch

For more information on our virtual program you may also visit our website:

[Click Here for more information or to register!](#)

Mark Your Calendars Upcoming Merit Badge Days

Saturday, October 4 - Home Repairs Merit Badge

Location: Scout Office - 2417 M Street - Bakersfield
Registration Opens Online - August 1

Saturday, November 1 - Merit Badge Midway (Merit Badges TBD)

Location: 1st Presbyterian Church - Corner of Truxtun & H St. - Bakersfield
Registration Opens Online - September 1

Eagle Nest

- If you have any questions or need assistance with the Eagle process, please contact the Council office for direction.
- Give your Eagle pride a purpose with membership in the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA). Membership empowers Scouting's mission, protects the Eagle Scout legacy, and keeps alumni connected. . Join NESA at <https://nesa.org/>



LIFE-TO-EAGLE WORKSHOP

Wednesday, August 20, 2025
Scout Office - 2417 M Street

Online Registration opens August 1

Life Scouts, Parents and Leaders are invited to the Life to Eagle Workshop. This is an interactive workshop/seminar detailing the Eagle Rank process from project inception through preparation for the Eagle Board of Review.

**Congratulations to two new Eagle Scouts during the month of June!
The new Eagles are from Troops 442, & 950.**

Order of the Arrow

Continuing Fellowship on the Scouting Journey.

- *No LEC Meeting in July*



YOWLUMNE Lodge



Congratulations to Logan Snavely & Ross Keith on their Vigil Honor!

Additional congratulations to the 12 Ordeal & 11 Brotherhood completions during this past OA Ordeal weekend!

These members plus the Advisors, Elangomats and Arrowmen provided some amazing service to Camp Kern.

THANK YOU TO ALL!

Yowlumne Lodge - OA Pool Party & BBQ

Thursday, August 7, 2025

6:00pm to 9:00pm

At the home of the Tindell's - 620 Browning Ct. - Bakersfield - 93309

This event is for all Arrowmen - New & Old

Main dish will be provided - please bring a side dish of your choice.

*This is a no fee event - potluck side is the cost.
Register NOW - so we have a good headcount*

OA - BBQ/Pool Party Reservations

TIME TO PAY YOUR 2025 OA DUES - \$20

Easy way to pay your annual dues -

Questions:

Contact Lodge Advisor - Chuck Monaco at (661) 303-8636 or cmonacoscouts@gmail.com or
Lodge Chief - Talen Monaco at (661) 525-6586 or T3Monaco@gmail.com.

Cub Scout Summertime Events

PLAN NOW for Summer Time Fun

				
1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
Summertime Fun	Summertime Fun	Summertime Fun	Summertime Fun	Summertime Fun
				

One Requirement

1. Anytime during June through August participate in a total of three Cub Scout Activities

Earning Adventure is not dependent on other's participation.



Saturday, July 19, 2025

10:00 am to noon

\$5.00 per skater

Scout Skate

Rollerama West (7850 Brimhall)

Games and a cool, fun morning open to Scouts
and their friends & family

Register online at: <https://scoutingevent.com/030-skate25>

Note: Popcorn Kickoff - Same time, same location



Swimfest

For

Cubs & Scouts

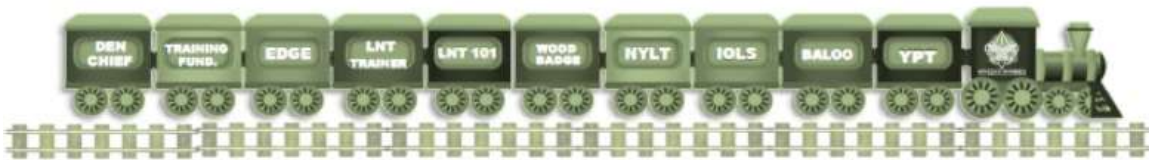
Saturday, August 9 - Scout Swim Party

**Riverlakes Pool - 5100 Riverlakes Drive - 93312
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

- \$5.00 per attendee (swimming or spectating) - Walk-ins \$8.00 per attendee
- 12 months & under - no charge
- Register online at <https://www.scoutingevent.com/030-swim25>
- Registration deadline - Thursday, August 7
- Swimmers - be dressed...ready to swim. Don't forget your towel and sunscreen.
- Spectators - bring a lawn chair - Pop-ups are welcome.
- Snacks & non-glass beverage containers welcome.
- No alcohol or smoking.

"AB Medical form" is required for ALL attendees.

Training News & Resources



COUNCIL TRAINING PLANNING MEETING*

TUESDAY, August 19* @ 6:30 pm

Zoom: ID: 314 211 1129 Password: 928897

August 19th Agenda

- Trainers needed for Fall 2025: BALOO & IOLS
- SAFEGuarding Youth & Hazardous Weather Training renewals
- NYLT & Wood Badge

And more . . .

Why should I attend this meeting?

Training doesn't happen by magic or accident; nor is it created by a single person. It takes planning and input from ALL the units to ensure trainings are offered timely and are engaging for all participants.

Your voice and volunteer time is needed to provide the best training for all adults throughout our Council. **Training is a vital part of your unit's growth, succession planning, adult member retention, and quality programs.**

Anyone can represent your unit at the Committee meetings –Please assign someone who isn't otherwise engaged in your unit activities to attend the *2 meetings per year (May and August).

Who should attend

- Trainers
- **Committee Chair** or **Committee Training Chair** (**If you don't have these positions currently filled – any volunteer in your unit may attend to take notes*)
- **Unit Commissioners**
- **Wood Badge participants and staff**

- **Anyone interested in trainings for your unit or becoming a trainer**

CONTACT:

Carolyn Forster

Council Training Chair

CJForster1964@gmail.com



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!!

Tri-Council Wood Badge 2025 is hosted by Southern Sierra Council!

Get the best leadership training from people you know. Ask your unit for scholarships for leadership training. (Southern Sierra Council has limited scholarship funds available.)

Leadership training for every level of registered adult:

Cub Scouting - Troops - Venturing

Wood Badge supports leadership, continuity, sustainability adult membership retention, and strengthens Scouting America programming for our youth.

Tri-Council

WOOD BADGE

September 5-7 & September 13-14, 2025

Locations: Camp Verdugo Oaks, Castaic

Course Director: Carolyn Forster, Southern Sierra

REGISTRATION*:

<https://www.longbeachbsa.org/training/woodbadge/>

Scholarships available

Questions: Carolyn Forster CJForster1964@gmail.com

WB Registration Link

Scholarships Available

*MUST Register **BEFORE Aug 4th** to ensure availability and best price.
Ask your unit first for a possible scholarship.

S.A.F.E. Guarding Youth Training (SYT)



Youth Protection Training (YPT)

is now known as -

S.A.F.E. Guarding Youth Training (SYT)

Everyone: **Get a head start NOW to complete your annually required SAFEGuarding Youth Training.**

YPT or SYT taken during 2025 is required for recharter.

[My.Scouting.org](https://www.myscouting.org) *

(You can take SYT at [My.Scouting.org](https://www.myscouting.org) any time during the calendar year. It will not be "assigned" to you in the system.)

- **RECOMMENDED** for ALL adults even if you are not registered.
- **REQUIRED** for ALL registered adults annually.

SSC SYT POLICY: SYT is required annually in Southern Sierra Council (SSC) per Board policy established in 2015. Although National Scouting America has a minimum 2-year requirement, SSC requires ANNUAL (every calendar year) renewal of SYT by all registered adults for recharter qualification.

For 2025 ONLY: If you have already renewed your Youth Protection Training during 2025 you do not need to take the new SAFEGuarding Youth training until 2026. If you last took YPT during 2024 you **MUST** take the new SYT course on-line at [My.Scouting.org](https://www.myscouting.org) during 2025 to qualify for recharter with Southern Sierra Council (see note above regarding SSC policy for annual renewal).

***ONLINE BEST PRACTICES:** For best results please consider:

- Complete online SYT **BEFORE September**. After September – EVERYONE IN THE ENTIRE NATION is trying to take the SYT simultaneously, which often causes a delay/overload to the My.Scouting system during this time.
- Use a desktop or laptop computer. **DO NOT** use your phone or iPad to take these trainings since it may not let you complete the training and/or may not generate your certificate.
- Use Google **Chrome** when accessing My.Scouting.org (other platforms are not necessarily supported)
- Logon during the early morning hours to avoid the rush of East Coast scouts logging in due to the time difference.
- **Be patient**. Once you complete your training on My.Scouting.org, it may take up to 24-hours for you to receive your completion certificate by email.
- If you continue to experience issues with the online SYT course, please send me an email with screenshots and a description of your experience. **Do not keep trying to take it repeatedly**. We will work out the issues together.

CONTACT: Carolyn Forster, Council Training Chair, CJForster1964@gmail.com



HAZARDOUS WEATHER TRAINING

It's time to renew your **Hazardous Weather Training** (HWT).

HWT is REQUIRED to be renewed every 2 years (National Scouting America requirement) for ALL direct contact leader positions. Leadership positions with expired **HWT** are considered 'untrained' and do not qualify for recharter or working with youth.

Ensure you have the most current information in weather safety this summer by updating your HWT on [My.Scouting.org](https://www.myscouting.org).

Login to [My.Scouting.org](https://www.myscouting.org) any time to retake Hazardous Weather Training. (Note: Hazardous Weather will NOT be 'assigned' to you. You can retake **HWT** at any time.)

Special Invitations for Scouts & Families



KERN RIVER PARKWAY 
NATURE CENTER
HART MEMORIAL PARK · BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

**Sunday - July 20 - Noon to 2pm - FAMILY SCIENCE DAY
PROGRAM**

Waves, with Dave Hanley, science teacher
Learn how waves are a part of our everyday lives!

Scouting for Clean Waterways

A Conservation Good Turn for America



In celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Conservation Good Turn for America, Scouting America is joining the nationwide initiative aimed at addressing the critical issue of waterway and marine debris, “aquatic trash”, offering Scouts the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the health of our waterways and ecosystems.

For more information and to learn how your unit can participate go to:
<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/scouting-clean-waterways/>

Invitation from Verdugo Hills Council

Open invitation to all Southern Sierra Council Scouts

SCOUTS BSA ROPES ACADEMY @ CSUN July 21-24th
Set personal and team goals as you climb the ultimate high adventure challenge course!

More info and to sign up:
<https://www.vhscouting.org/ropesacademyjuly2025>


Scouts BSA Day Program





ROPES ACADEMY

JULY 21ST- 24TH

CAL STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE

4-DAY COURSE OPEN TO ALL SCOUTS BSA AND VENTURERS



NO OVERNIGHT COMPONENT



"ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!"

Early Bird Rate Thru July 7th



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Safety in Scouting

Incident Reporting Helps

Timely and complete incident reporting provides Scouting America with an opportunity for analysis of incidents that occur and promotes continuous improvement of our programs. In our experience, the sooner a clear, concise, and complete incident report is made, the sooner that an appropriate response to the incident can occur.



GENERAL INFORMATION

What is an incident? There are three types of reportable incidents:

- Near Miss—A near miss does not result in injury, illness, or damage, by definition, but it had the potential to do so.
- General Liability—Events or allegations of injury, illness, or property damage, including employment, director, and officer issues.
- Youth Protection/Membership Infraction—Allegations of abuse, violations of Scouting America guidelines or policies, or inappropriate behavior by a Scout/Scout leader/parent/other.

Why report an incident? The information reported from incidents helps identify areas for improvement so we can help prevent the reoccurrence of similar incidents. Scouting America cannot address a concern if we do not know about it. Reporting incidents promptly is also critical so Scouting America can respond in a timely manner and manage claims properly.

When do I report an incident? You should immediately contact your local council to report and get assistance with serious, fatal or abuse incidents. Report within 24 hours if an injury or illness cannot be treated by Scout-rendered first aid, a medical professional such as a doctor or nurse was needed, or an ambulance was called.

How do I report an incident? There are incident reporting tools to assist you in collecting the facts of the incident to provide to the council. This is available on the council website www.sccscouts.org. Scroll down on the home page to "Incident Reporting Tools".

Reporting tips: It is important that incident reports are filled out as completely & timely as possible. This will help bring clarity to the situation and avoid unnecessary calls or emails for additional information. Photographs of the site, facilities, vehicles, or equipment can add value to the report. Remember to include only pertinent facts about the incident. Do not assign blame or include personal opinions. Stick to the facts.

Reporting Made Easy

How does Scouting America's anonymous reporting tool work?



Scan this QR code to add the Scouts First phone number to your address book. You can call or text it at any time.

Scout leaders, registered members, parents, Scouting professionals, or anyone else who believes a youth in Scouting might be at risk can call, text or email their concerns. You can report concerns not just of abuse, but of any unsafe activity at all.

While accurate information is critical to an appropriate response, a lack of specific information is not a reason to delay a report.

“As always, more information is better when reporting an incident, but we don’t want someone to wait to report just because they don’t have all the details,” Pounder says. “We can start the conversation and gather the details as we go.”

You will not be required to provide proof that a youth is in danger. All you are asked to do is report your concerns in good faith. You can also call, text or email if you have received a report of abuse and would like guidance on what to do next.

Utilizing the RealResponse platform, Scouts and their families can share their concerns and questions in real time, with the knowledge that these communications are going to the right place in the fastest way possible, creating meaningful dialogue about tough issues.

[For more information click here](#)

SCOUTS FIRST Helpline


SAFEGUARDING YOUTH

In an emergency or when complying with mandatory reporting, call 911 or your local authorities immediately. Then, report the incident to your council.

Report Concerns About Youth Safety

If you suspect a youth has been harmed or their safety is at risk—including violations of youth protection policies—contact your local council right away.

If you cannot reach your Scout Executive or local Council, report directly to Scouts First via:

 Anonymously Call or Text:
844-SCOUTS1

 Email: ScoutsFirst@Scouting.org

*Scan to Message Anonymously!
(Via Real Response)*



Your vigilance helps protect our Scouts. Thank you for taking action!



Dates to Remember

August 9

Scout Swim Party
Riverlakes Pool

August 14

Growing Your Pack/Troop

August 23

Blaze into Scouting



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