



BSA Today *Your Rainbow Council News*

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Service Center News

~Beginning October 1st, 2016~

**Rainbow Council's George S. McGee Service Center
will be open 9am-5pm Monday - Friday**

Holiday Hours: Closed December 26th & January 2nd

LIMITED EDITION CUBS TINS!

CUBS Win the World Series!

Available for Fans—Licensed Commemorative Chicago Cubs Tin

- White Chocolatey Pretzels 17oz. • Milk Chocolatey Pretzels 17oz. • Chocolatey Caramel Crunch™ 15oz. • Chocolatey Caramel Crunch™ 15oz.

Limited Supplies \$55 Tin Available after 12/12/16
Call the George McGee Service Center to reserve yours!
815-942-4450

Camp hats have arrived!



All hat orders that have not been picked up...have now been released for sale!

**Please note: this is for orders that were placed prior to early November. If you placed your order after this time, hats are due to arrive mid-late February.*

Advancement News

Cub Scout updates

Based on a survey conducted by National BSA about the new Cub Scout program, rolled out last year, modifications have been announced to make the program more flexible for busy parents, den leaders, and Cubmasters.



Click logo to view change

Boy Scout requirements reminder



Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, all scouts **MUST** use the current requirements for rank advancement, regardless of when they joined the scouting program. Click the emblem to see the requirements now in effect.

Check out: **[Bryan on Scouting](#)**. This is a great place to get the most current news on all things Scouting!

The Rainbow Council Advancement will keep you updated on Facebook as well...



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Activities

Eagle Recognition Luncheon

Saturday, January 14th, 2017
Reception begins at 10:00 am
Joliet Country Club



*click the medal for
additional details*

This event recognizes and honors the Eagle Scout Class of 2016. These young men will be honored with fellowship and lunch at the Joliet County Club. The event is open to the public, will feature a special Eagle Scout award ceremony, and the opportunity to hear about the amazing impact of Eagle Scout projects across the council. The awards ceremony will be followed by a luncheon.

Lego Scout Event

Calling all Cub Scouts!!!



Click above for additional information!

Come dressed in your scout uniform and receive a \$5 admission to LEGOLAND Discovery Center!

Annual Meeting

Thursday February 16th, 2017
6:30pm
Plainfield Fire Dept

The scouting program helps prepare youth to be better parents, leaders, spouses, citizens and people in general. At this meeting we will; showcase stories of how scouting has impacted our local communities, hold an election for next year's board members, and announce details about upcoming programs, events and projects for 2017. Visit the [Rainbow Council website](#) after the first week in January to learn more and sign up to attend!

Joliet Diocese Scout Day of Reflection Retreat

Have you earned your Catholic religious recognition for your age group?



The Diocese of Joliet will hold their annual Scout Day of Reflection Retreat on Saturday, February 18, 2017, at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Rd, Crest Hill to help you get you started!

The retreat will be from 9am - 1pm. The event is for ALL Scouts (male or female) in Kindergarten or older. This year there will be TWO separate sessions, one for older scouts (grade 6+) and one for younger scouts (grades K-5). For further information, registration, & permission forms, please visit [The Joliet Diocese website](#) for further information.

Training



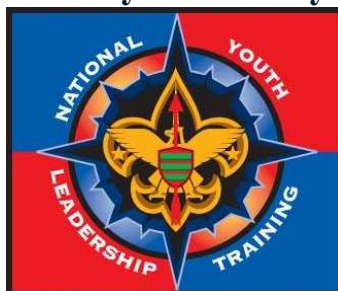
Need training?

We've got it covered!

Dates have been scheduled, the calendar is updated, and registrations are open for 2017 training opportunities. Check out the [Rainbow Council Training Page](#) for all the latest updates!

NYLT

***SAVE THE DATE!* July 17th - July 22nd, 2017 @ RSR**



NYLT (*National Youth Leadership Training*) is an exciting, action-packed program for male and female Scouts. Scout participant must be at least 13 years of age and a First Class Scout by the start of the course with the Scoutmaster's signature of approval. Watch the Rainbow Council website for information and registration in January!

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Fundraising

How can your scout go to camp for FREE?! CAMP CARD SALES

The Product Sale Committee is working on the Spring CAMP CARD SALE and will have more info at the Roundtable Meetings. Just to name a few of the coupons available on this year's CAMP CARDS:

- Jewel Osco \$5.00 off \$50
- Sport Clips \$4.00 any haircut
- Jiffy Lube \$8.00 off Signature Oil Change
- Bass Pro \$5 off \$50

There will only be 10,000 cards ordered so please make sure your unit is on board with selling the Camp Cards. Cards - valid through Dec 2017- sell for \$5.00 each with Scouts getting 50% (\$2.50) to use towards going to camp. The Cards are good until the end of December 2017. ***If you are interested in selling, please let your DE know as soon as possible!***



Friends of Scouting 2016 Update

It is as simple as a click away to give a financial gift to help continue to deliver

the Scouting Mission! Be sure to let family and friends know that they can easily give online by clicking this link: [Donate Today!](#)

The 2017 FOS Kickoff is set for January 25, 2017 at 6:30PM at the New Lenox Village Hall: 1 Veterans Pkwy in New Lenox, IL 60451. Units will receive their FOS information, as well as, learn about council plans for the 2017 year. As Rainbow Council Scout Reservation turns 50, we will be celebrating with a special 50th Anniversary CSP and a special 50th Anniversary 'Thank You' patch for participating in the 2017 FOS Campaign. Please be sure to RSVP with your District Chair:

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 Waapi Lenaswa - Brian Kuntz: kuntz4680@comcast.net



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Congratulations to our newest 2016 Eagle Scouts

Daniel Burgess III
T83/ Plainfield
S/M Gary Ingram
12/12/2016

Daniel Canning
T63/Homer Glen
S/M Jim Zacharias
11/29/2016

Kyle Hlade
T13/Plainfield
S/M Terry McGee
11/17/2016

Alexander Konczak
T19/Plainfield
S/M Steve Martin
12/8/2016

David Kostyra
T444/Channahon
S/M William Freeberg
12/01/2016

Nolan O'Keefe
T466/Joliet
S/M John Cairns
11/18/2016

Neil Paukstis
T315/Peotone
S/M Robert Wilcox
11/16/2016

Nicholas Sowatzke
T63/Homer Glen
S/M Jim Zacharias
11/15/2016

Jacob Stoltz
T12/New Lenox
S/M Kevin Fifer
12/05/16

Zachary Szymanek
T12/New Lenox
S/M Kevin Fifer
11/22/2016

Anthony Waldron
T19/Plainfield
S/M Steve Martin
12/08/2016

Timothy Swanson
T382/Manteno
S/M Dave McManus
11/29/2016

Matthew Sweeney
T19/Plainfield
S/M Steve Martin
11/22/2016



WAUPECAN LODGE
ORDER OF THE ARROW

Waupecan Lodge is looking forward to an exciting year in 2017. The Lodge is working with the RSR summer camp leadership to help make the 50th Summer of Camping truly special. The lodge has already commissioned a special lodge flap that will be available very soon. Please keep an eye on the RSR summer camp website for more information.

The lodge is already making plans for an exciting event, April 21st -23rd.

Rainbow Council Scout Reservation will be the site for the Section C 7 Conclave. Order of the Arrow members from Northern Illinois, Southern Wisconsin, and Northwestern Indiana will converge on our beloved camp for a weekend full of fun and excitement. Waupecan Lodge will need help from all their members to help support this Section C 7 sponsored event. Please contact our Lodge Leadership at www.oa197.org for more information and join us at your Chapter meeting to help with planning. The chapters are the heart of Waupecan Lodge and the meetings are a great place for Arrowmen to join in fun, fellowship, and leadership opportunities. Adult Arrowmen are encouraged to reach out to the youth lodge members of your unit and help provide transportation to these important functions of the lodge

- The southern chapter of the lodge meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Grace Lutheran Church in Wilmington, IL.
- The northern chapter meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Winthrop Ave. Joliet, IL.

The 2017 National Jamboree this summer is looking for Arrowmen to help staff Jamboree. This a great opportunity - a few of our brothers have already signed up. The real good news about this opportunity, it's the cheapest way to go to the National Jamboree. There are a number of areas you can pick to work at. You will also get time off to have opportunities to enjoy the Jamboree. Please go to the [National OA website](#) for more info and to sign-up.

Commissioner News

New Year! New Roundtable!

Please join us for the District Roundtable and see all the changes we have made! The Roundtable Team has been working hard to make this hour (yes an hour) worth your time!

- Knot of the month
- Safety Tip
- Cub Scout Session
- Boy Scout session
- and so much more!

Less announcements - more information you can use! All Leaders are encouraged to attend!

Where are the Roundtables??

Waapi Lenaswa Roundtable is January 12, 2017 at 7pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1015 Winthrop Av, Joliet, IL 60435

Ishkote Roundtable is January 19, 2017 at 7pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 907 Luther Drive, Wilmington, IL 60481

We look forward to seeing you there!
Diane - dianekloepfer@att.net

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