



BSA Today *Your Rainbow Council News*

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New in the Scout Shop!



RSR Belts & RSR 50th Anniversary Belts...\$29.99 each

Quantities are limited...get yours today!

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for more info*

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Activities & Events

Make Plans Now to Join Us for a Fireside Chat



March 9th, 2017 @ 7:00pm
New Lenox Town Hall: 1 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox

Join us for a unique opportunity to meet the Rainbow Council's President, Commissioner and Scout Executive at our upcoming fireside chat. We will be discussing items that will impact the upcoming year and you will be able to give feedback on items that are important to you. Some of the topics will include; camp improvements, adult leader training, unit and council finances, impacting more youth in our communities and...whatever else may be on your mind!

Rainbow Council Scout Night with the Bulls



Click above for details

Chicago Bulls vs. Memphis Grizzlies
United Center
Wed., Mar. 15 at 7:00pm

Alumni Event - Re-engage in the Scouting Mission!

The Scouting Program influences us all in different ways! If you were part of the program as a youth, or a parent of past scouts or current Scouts--come out and share those stories and memories at our Pre-Saint Patrick's Day Alumni Gathering.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
RAINBOW COUNCIL

Pre-Saint Patrick's Day
Alumni Gathering
March 16, 5:30-8:00

Anthony's Restaurant & Pub, 3151 Voyager Ln, Joliet, IL 60431

A social event geared towards former Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts, Adult Leaders, Eagle Scouts, RSR Camp Staff (former), Council Employees or Parents of Scouts or former Scouts.

Come out and celebrate SCOUTING!

This is an adult social and we look to host at least four more events this year!

\$25 a person for food. Bring extra money for raffle items and your drinks. Proceeds from the event to help fund our Council Campership Fund. You can register online at [Alumni Event](#) today!

Scout Night with the Chicago Fire Soccer Club

Chicago Fire Soccer Club take on rivals - Columbus Crew SC!

Click below for more info!



SATURDAY
APR 8
1 PM



**Scout Night with the
Chicago Fire Soccer
Club!**

\$2 HOT DOGS PRESENTED BY
RED HOT CHICAGO

Pistol Shooting for Venture Scouts

Rainbow Council is in the process of putting together a team for a shooting competition. This will be a scholastic action shooting program (SAS).

If you are interested in learning about shooting pistol in a competitive setting and the possibility of winning a college scholarship, come out and get more info! See the [Event Page](#) for more details and sign up!

Lego Scout Events



**NOW OFFERING
Weekend Pack Events!**

Click Legoman for details!



Webelos Walkabout Day Hike



Saturday April 29th, 2017

\$5 per person

Will County Forest Preserve District on Laraway Rd in Joliet

[Get details and register on-line!](#)

Spring Camporee

SPRING CAMPOREE

MAY 5TH-7TH AT RAINBOW SCOUT RESERVATION

2017
A NEW YEAR

It is a period of new beginnings, ideas and scouting fun.

[Details are on the Rainbow Council Website - Registration Now OPEN!](#)

Councilwide Roundtable & Program Kickoff

May 11th, 2017 6:45pm-8:45pm

Registration required for all attending

Deadline is May 9th

Held at Rainbow Council Scout Reservation in The Wilhelm Center (AKA new dining hall): 2600 North Winterbottom Rd. in Morris, IL 60450

Looking for program ideas for your Scouts?

Want to give your scouts more opportunities?

Want to visit with a member of a committee to discover better ways to serve your unit?

You will find GREAT ideas here!

Additionally, information booths from the following will be present:

Popcorn Team

Council Activities

Training

Advancement

Order of the Arrow

Mission Support

Commissioner Corps

Program

Boy Scout Summer Camp

Cub Scout Resident
Camp

Cub Scout Day Camp

Rocket into Scouting

Venture Officers Assoc

& MORE

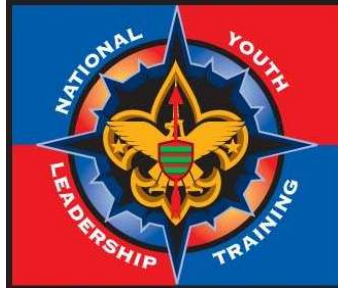
Register Now!

Bobcat Bounce

With the success of Blast into Scouting last fall, the Council Membership Committee is finalizing spring plans for *Bobcat Bounce!* Spring recruitment is

a great way for units to recruit new scouts who can go to camp over the summer and grow the pack for success. More details will be made available at Roundtable meetings - Pack leaders please be sure to attend and learn how Bobcat Bounce can be a successful recruitment for your unit! Take a minute to review more about the Bobcat Bounce Event on [Membership Page](#) concluding with the Bobcat Bounce Event - June 3rd at RSR!

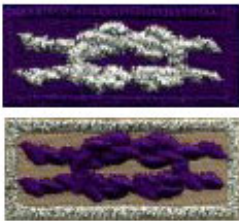
NYLT



NYLT (*National Youth Leadership Training*) is an exciting, action-packed program for male and female Scouts. Scout participants must be at least 13 years of age, earned First Class rank by the start of the course, and have a completed nomination form submitted by the Scoutmaster.

Registration NOW OPEN! [Click logo above for additional information](#)

Religious Emblems Program



Faith is an important part of scouting and is reinforced in the 12th point of the Scout Law: A scout is reverent. Even if the members of your unit belong to different faiths, each member can earn the appropriate religious emblem for his/her faith.

Unit Religious Emblems Coordinator: Does your unit have one? The Unit Religious Emblem Coordinator is a unit committee position. The responsibility of the coordinator is to educate, motivate, evaluate, and facilitate the religious emblems program at the unit level.

[See the Awards Page for more information about the Religious Emblems Program and Unit Religious Emblems Coordinator](#)

Have questions about the Religious Emblems Program, contact:

Council Coordinator: Bill Mammosser - billmammosser@aol.com

Ishkote District: Mike Mikos - mmnpm@att.net

Waapi Lenaswa District: Burrel Elmore - burreljr@gmail.com

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[Fundraising](#)

Funding Presentation for Your Scouting Adventures

From unit events, council events, summer camp and other great experiences, Scouting helps to impact our youth for a better tomorrow! On April 18th, 2017 the Product Sale Committee will host an event to help you learn about fundraising opportunities for your scouting adventures. You will NOT want to miss this presentation. Gathering starts at 6:30pm - Location TBD. More details will be emailed to unit popcorn kernels from the 2016 sale, in the coming weeks.

If you have questions, please email **Rachel: riccisplace20@att.net**.

Family Friends of Scouting (FOS)

Over \$21,800 has been raised to date in our Friends of Scouting Campaign. Please be sure to schedule your FOS presentation. This year's FOS theme is 50 Years of RSR. Commemorative patches are available at different levels, so make your gift today to help continue another 50 years of RSR! The Scouting Mission continues to serve our communities with support from many networks; Family FOS, Community FOS, special events, and grants. Everyone is encouraged to support Scouts and the Scouting Mission with a gift that helps provide the opportunity our youth need to grow and develop.

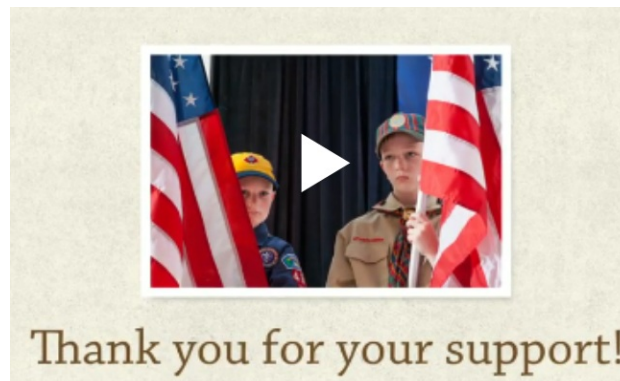


*If you have questions or need to schedule your Unit presentation, please feel free to contact one of the FOS Team Members listed below or check out the website **FOS** for more info:*

Council Family FOS Chair -- John Harrington johndharr@att.net

Ishkote District--Celia Mistretta kadesmom@hotmail.com

Waapi Lenaswa -- Brian Kuntz kuntz4680@comcast.net



Also, let family and friends know how easy it is to give: [Donate Today!](#)

How can your scout go to camp for FREE?

Camp Cards!!

Day Camp FREE

Summer Camp FREE

**Resident Camp FREE
Other Scout Activities FREE**



The Product Sale Committee has been working hard on the camp card program to help scouts go to camp for free. There are still cards available!! It is a \$5 item with the Scout 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 and complete the [unit commitment form](#).

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Announcements



Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scouts

Jacob Abercrombie
T49/New Lenox
S/M David Konopko
1/11/2017

Nicholas Argianas
T65/Lockport
S/M John Szpicki
1/15/2017

Sean Drexler
T319/Manteno
S/M James Anders
1/3/2017

Liam O'Brien
T444/Channahon
S/M William Freeberg
1/24/2017

Brandon Schulte
T466/Coal City
S/M John Cairns
1/27/2017



WAUPECAN LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Waupecan Lodge is proud to host the 2017 Section C 7 Conclave. Over 450 Arrowmen from Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and Northwestern Indiana will converge on our beloved Rainbow Scout Reservation. April 21st - 23rd, 2017 RSR will be home to Arrowmen from 11 Lodges, all taking advantage of the training opportunities, fun filled activities (like Lodge Ball), a great show, and big party. Our Central Region Chief, Taylor Giles is planning to join us for this weekend of fun and fellowship - Please join us! We need your help to host this exciting event. The cost is \$40 dollars, but the early bird fee is \$35...so go right away and get registered. Sign-up at: register.OAc7.org

Brothers - Keep an eye on your email/texts for info about a Waupecan Lodge meeting to cover our responsibilities as host lodge - *Coming Soon!* There will be much to do - the more hands we have, the more each of us can enjoy some of this great event. Waupecan is the smallest lodge in the section. We need everyone's help to show that though we are small, we have big heart! The Lodge leadership often gets asked from adult members what they can do to help, and though an Arrowmen's first responsibility is to the unit that elected him, the lodge could use really use some help from our adult members with this event. We first would like to encourage every member to participate in lodge activities such as; chapter meetings, service opportunities, and fellowships. Secondly, please offer to get others to these activities. Many times participation does not happen simply because someone did not have a ride.

Waupecan Lodge is looking forward to the year:

- Being a big part of the 50th Season of Camping at RSR
- Hosting the Conclave (biggest event at RSR in many years)
- Offering a great Spring Camporee
- Holding meaningful fellowship events

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