



2017

National Training Center – Boy Scouts of America
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Please select the week and conference of your choice. For conference descriptions, see pages 3-6.

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WEEK 1: JUNE 11-17

- #Awesome – STEM Exploration (14-20 age youth)
- Advanced Leadership Skills for Commissioners
- Council and Assistant Council Commissioner
- District & Assistant District Commissioner Training
- Effective Roundtables
- Serving Diverse Communities
- STEM-Tastic Scouting – Inspiration, Imagination and Innovation
- Unit Commissioner
- Wilderness First Aid Instructor Trainer Certification

WEEK 2: JUNE 18-24

- Alumni! – The Key to JTE Success
- The Council/District Training Committee
- Council Key 3
- Cub Scout Extravaganza
- District Key 3
- The Mechanics of Training
- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)
- National Lodge and Section Advisor Symposium
- Smarter, Strategic and Sustainable Scouting

WEEK 3: JUNE 24-30

- LDS Scouting Leadership Conference (by invitation only)

WEEK 4: JULY 1-7

- LDS Scouting Leadership Conference (by invitation only)
- Philmont Leadership Challenge (PLC) (July 2-8)

WEEK 5: JULY 9-15

- Building a Strong Outdoor Program of Emphasis
- Council Key 3
- District Key 3
- Games with a Purpose
- Growing a Venturing Program
- Leadership Development
- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)
- Sporting Clays
- Varsity Scouting in LDS Teams

WEEK 6: JULY 16-22

- Advancement Issues and Solutions
- Community Service... "Work worth doing"
- The Council/District Training Committee
- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)
- Scouting in the Catholic Church
- Strengthening Leadership Teams
- T-Cubed (T3) – Train the Trainer

WEEK 7: JULY 23-29

- Conference on Education for Advancement Administrators (CEAA)
- Cub Scout Extravaganza
- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)
- Philmont Staff Association Reunion
- Planning Programs that Rock

WEEK 8: JULY 30-AUGUST 5

- Council Key 3
- District Key 3
- District Operations 2
- Energize Your Enterprise Risk Management Committee
- Fundamentals of Fundraising
- The Mechanics of Training
- Membership Growth Strategies that Work
- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)
- Practical Greening
- T-Cubed (T3) – Train the Trainer

WEEK 9: AUGUST 6-12

- Growing Your Scouts with Disabilities Membership and Resources
- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)
- Orienteering, Geocaching, and Finding your Way
- Philmont Ambassador
- Reinventing your Craft Lodge
- Venturing Blast!
- Visual Storytelling

WEEK 10: AUGUST 13-19

- Available for council retreats or committee meetings

WEEK 11: SEPTEMBER 17-23

- Applying Outdoor Ethics in your Unit, District and Council
- BSA Fishing Train the Trainer
- Certified Angling Instructor Course Director
- Climbing Director Certification
- COPE Advanced Facilitation
- COPE Director Certification
- Council Outdoor Program Committee Operations
- National Camp Accreditation Program (NCAP) - Strengthening your council
- Philmont Leadership Challenge (PLC)
- The Properties Course: The Business of Running a Camp
- Trek Leader Planning and Advanced Outdoor Leader Skills
- Wilderness First Aid Instructor Trainer Certification
- Year Round Shooting Sports

The PTC Council Program Enhancement Series: These courses are designed to support, expand, or enhance programs that take place in a council. The goal is to share best practices and provide new ideas.





Schedule overview

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Breakfast Conference/Program	Breakfast Conference/Program	Breakfast Conference/Program	Breakfast Conference All Day Program Hikes	Breakfast Conference/Program	Breakfast Depart
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
2-4 PM Check-In	Conference/Program	Conference/Program	Family Time	Conference/Program	Conference/Program	
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
Opening Program	Cracker Barrel	Western Night	Movie Night	Cracker Barrel	Closing Program	

The Philmont Training Center (PTC) is nestled in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of northeastern New Mexico near Cimarron. Rich in history and natural beauty, this area offers exciting educational experiences for the entire family. PTC has served as the National Training Center for the Boy Scouts of America since 1950. A variety of week-long conferences will be conducted for unit, district, and council volunteers and professionals. Each conference features the latest tools, audiovisuals, and techniques led by a faculty of experienced Scouters. In addition to hosting these Conferences, the Training Center also provides the opportunity for families to join their Scouters and enjoy a wide range of family programs—making the Philmont Training Center experience one of a kind. Our summer staff will lead hikes, tours, handicrafts, and other outdoor activities. A week-long backcountry Mountain Trek is offered for Venturing-aged youth (except Fall Conference, week 11).

Attendance:

Any registered Scouter who is interested in learning how to provide a better, stronger Scouting program is invited to attend. Scouters are encouraged to bring their immediate family members.

Conferences:

Over 80 separate week-long conferences are scheduled. Conferences will cover almost every aspect of Scouting—from Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting to Council and District Operations, from Venturing and Professional Development to Advancement and Finance. The conferences are conducted by various departments of the national council and are led by a faculty of outstanding volunteer and professional Scouters. Each conference is designed to discuss specific Scouting issues, share information from all over the BSA, and train using the best methods that will enhance the Scouting program for youth and adults. While conference time is important, ample opportunity for a Scouter to enjoy the majesty of Philmont with his or her family is part of the schedule of most conferences.

Facilities:

Tent cities accommodate Training Center participants and their families. Tents are large, two person wall tents with wooden or concrete floors, electric lights, an electrical outlet, wardrobe, and two twin-sized beds with mattresses. Each tent city has restrooms, hot showers, and family shower houses. Cots and cribs are available for use during the week.

Conferences are conducted in fully equipped conference rooms or at various locations in Philmont's backcountry. Family Program facilities include the Small Fry Center, the Craft Center, and our Pony Ring. However, most of the time family members will be enjoying the best facility of all—Philmont's 140,171 acres of "Scouting Paradise."

Family Program:

The Philmont Training Center offers a full, organized program for every member of the family—from infants to spouses. Family members are joined by others in their age group to participate in carefully designed, age-appropriate programs under the leadership of trained and experienced Philmont staff.

Family Program Groups:

Nursery (2 months to 2 year olds) – A fully equipped nursery is available for the youngest family members. Nursery children may be left for either an hour or two, or for the entire program session, as may be determined by your activity schedule. Care is provided according to your instructions.

Small Fry (3–5 year olds) – The Small Fry Center is located next to the Craft Center. Philmont staff provides activities, games, pony rides, and supervised play during each program session.

Bandits (6–7 year olds) – These individual groups participate in nature hikes, pony rides, games, songs and skits, crafts, museum tours, and two half-day hikes.

Ropers (8–10 year olds girls), Deputies (8–9 year olds boys) – Ropers and Deputies programs include hiking, Villa and Museum tours, archery and BB Guns, pony rides, games, crafts, and an all day hike.

Sidewinders (10 year old boys) – Sidewinders enjoy hiking, sports, crafts, archery and air rifles, Villa and Museum tours, and a Sidewinder/Parent overnigher.

Mustangs (11–13 year old girls) – Mustangs have fun enjoying horse rides, archery and air rifles, hiking, handicraft projects, nature activities, outdoor cooking, games, Villa and Museum tours, and an overnight camping trip in Philmont's backcountry.

Trailblazers (11–13 year old boys) – This group participates in day hikes, nature activities and games, horse rides, archery and air rifles, handicrafts, and an overnight camping trip in Philmont's backcountry.

Broncos (14–20 year olds) – The Broncos program is designed to accommodate those teenagers who choose not to participate in the Mountain Trek program. Broncos will stay at PTC with their families but enjoy a week of activities as a group including hiking, horse rides, museum tours, local sight-seeing, COPE, shooting sports and more.

Mountain Trek (14–20 year olds)

Mountain Men and Mountain Women treks are backpacking expeditions that provide the opportunity to experience the rugged challenges of Philmont's mountains. Mountain Trek crews travel approximately 20-30 miles in Philmont's backcountry where each Mountain Trek crew will stay at several staff camps that offer a variety of exciting programs from mountain biking and rock climbing, to gold panning and homesteading. Groups with less than 10 Mountain Trek participants will be combined to form a co-ed Venture crew. Please note, the Mountain Trek program is not offered during the Fall Conference. Full details on programs are sent to participants upon acceptance.

NAYLE (14–20 year olds) – National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) is a conference focused on leadership. See 'NAYLE' listing in course descriptions on page 5.

Silverados (spouses/other adults not attending Conference) – Silverados will find a wide-range of exciting activities available throughout the week. Activities include museum visits, day hikes, a pottery making demonstration, Villa tours, COPE, horse rides, shooting sports, and trips to nearby resort towns. *Please note that due to attendance, staffing, weather and other factors, Fall Conference family programs will be slightly different.*

2017 Fees

Conference	\$540
Non-Conference Adult (20 ⁺)	\$380
Mountain Trek (Ages 14-20)	\$422
Children (Ages 14-20)	\$325
Children (Ages 6-13)	\$205
Children (Ages 0-5)	\$100
NAYLE Participant	\$410
STEM Youth Conference	\$395

Fees include all conference materials, Family Program, meals and lodging.

Scholarships available. Download form: www.philmonttrainingcenter.org





#Awesome – STEM Exploration (14-20 age only)

Spend a week exploring the natural science world taking day trips into Philmont's backcountry. Daily you will travel to and from locations across Philmont, exploring and experimenting in the New Mexico wild. Discover the mechanics of COPE adventures, chemistry of the prairies flora and fauna, and habitat of the Philmont water ways and eco systems. Climb to new heights as you challenge your skills with rock formations; climbing, rappelling and identifying the composition of the landscape. Sign up now for this intense adventure. BSA Annual Health and Medical Record – parts A, B, and C are required.
Week 1: June 11-17

Advanced Leadership Skills for Commissioners

Strong leadership is a critical element to leading a successful commissioner team. This exciting new conference is designed to help you strengthen your leadership skills and help you better fulfill your administrative commissioner role. Partially based on "A Leader's Legacy" by Kouzes and Posner, "Relationship Edge in Business" by Jerry Acuff, "Managers as Mentors" by Chip Bell, and "Mentoring – The Tao of Giving and Receiving Wisdom" by Huang and Lynch, topics will include the significance of leaders, relationships, goal setting, mentoring, and your personal legacy.
Week 1: June 11-17

Advancement Issues and Solutions

If you are an experienced volunteer advancement administrator, consider taking your game to the next level at this exciting conference. It is a case study based experience designed for unit, district and council advancement coordinators, chairs, committee members, and staff advisors. Conference participants will not only learn about the latest updates on advancement issues, but more importantly, they will analyze, discuss, and solve case studies similar to those regularly dealt with by the National Advancement Program Team. As a result of this experience attendees will have a better understanding of the effective use of the Guide to Advancement and the confidence to handle difficult issues in their home councils.
Week 6: July 16-22

Alumni! – The Key to JTE Success

This conference covers techniques that will enable councils to better connect with Scouting alumni and cultivate them into volunteers and donors taking your JTE score to the next level. Conference curriculum will include best practices to establish functioning council National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) and Scouting Alumni Association (SAA) committees. Participants will also learn how to reach untapped Scouting alumni who were identified during past nationwide Eagle Scout searches, and they will see how to best use the new National Scouting Alumni Network that is reconnecting alumni from across the nation. Week 2: June 18-24

Applying Outdoor Ethics in your Unit, District and Council

This conference provides guidance to council volunteers and professionals on implementing the BSA's Outdoor Ethics program in the local council. It is particularly designed for individuals serving as a council outdoor ethics advocate or interested in serving in that position. We will discuss outdoor ethics programs in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing; effective coordination with other aspects of council operations including camping, conservation, and training; effective implementation of Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! courses, and much more. Representatives from the BSA Outdoor

Ethics Task Force and successful council outdoor ethics advocates will serve as the faculty for this conference. Week 11: September 17-23

BSA Fishing Train the Trainer

This conference is facilitated by the BSA National Fishing Task Force, with a focus on providing enhancements to your BSA Fishing Programs. Course will cover Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing Fishing Programs held at the Unit, District, and Council Level. Course delivers an understanding of the Mission and Vision of Outdoor Programs-Fishing, assisting in your efforts to Deliver the Promise. You will learn age based and skill appropriate fishing tools and techniques for your Scouts, ranging from the Cane Pole to Fly Fishing. The course highlights best practices on content delivery, in both the classroom and the field. Enjoy Philmont in the fall, experience the fine art of fly fishing, fish legendary waters, and catch release some great wild trout! Course Graduates will become BSA Certified Angling Instructors (Training Code CS61). FISH ON! Week 11: September 17-23

Building a Strong Outdoor Program of Emphasis

Being in the outdoors is partially why youth join and stay in Scouting. Learn how to build an outdoor program filled with experiences that will create a reason for youth to join and to stay in Scouting. The course will have indoor planning and orientation sessions about all aspects of outdoor programming, as well as hands on outdoor opportunities to experience some of the programs you develop. Discussions will be centered around the programs of camping, aquatics, shooting sports, fishing, COPE/Climbing, outdoor skills, outdoor ethics, and conservation. There will be support for all ages of the program – Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturing, and Sea Scouts. Week 5: July 9-15

Certified Angling Instructor Course Director

This conference is facilitated by the BSA National Fishing Task Force, and designed to develop existing Certified Angling Instructors into confident CAI Course Directors. The conference further enhances the understanding of the Mission and Vision of Outdoor Programs-Fishing. You will be provided with a CAI course manual that guides your step by step instructions, in creating a CAI course for your area. Conference includes in depth discussion on CAI course design, team member recruitment and development, financial planning, facility considerations, and course marketing. The course highlights best practices on content delivery, in both the classroom and the field. You are invited to join us as together we strive to deliver the promise to youth by offering quality fishing programs. FISH ON!
Week 11: September 17-23

Climbing Director Certification

This is a National Camping School Climbing Directors course designed for those who will be leading and instructing climbing/rappelling programs. It has been developed to support council, district, and unit volunteers in teaching safe climbing and rappelling techniques at natural sites or constructed facilities. This course includes initiative games, climbing, bouldering, rappelling, anchor systems, and a wide variety of ways to teach them. Participants will be divided into groups dependent on their skill level. Current Climbing Directors and Instructors will be in an advanced group to further their skills and update their certificate of training. Participants must be in good physical condition. Since most of this conference will take place in Philmont's beautiful backcountry, participants will not have the opportunity to be with their family during

the week. BSA Annual Health and Medical Record – parts A, B, and C are required.
Week 11: September 17-23

Community Service... "Work Worth Doing" ✦

"Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing" – Teddy Roosevelt. Does your council have a culture of service? Are your Scouts excited about doing service projects? Attendees will learn strategies for finding quality projects for different age groups, partners to work with, financing a project, tracking projects, relating service to JTE, and how to create a culture of service with your Scouts. Week 6: July 16-22

Conference on Education for Advancement Administrators (CEAA)

CEAA is a learning experience for council and district advancement volunteers and professionals as well as an opportunity to assist in the development of advancement-oriented publications and educational materials that are used across the country. Conferees will view and discuss various existing materials, make recommendations for future tools, and then get started on development. The result will be tools that will help Scouting leaders not only present the advancement program as intended but also increase the rate of advancement and build on retention through proper advancement committee organization and deployment. Week 7: July 23-29

COPE Advanced Facilitation

This is an advanced course designed to deepen the skills and knowledge received at National Camping School COPE Director courses. The course will provide opportunities to learn and practice techniques facilitating and processing initiative games and low course activities, as well as applications for team development on the high course. Options to facilitate participants with physical challenges using universal access techniques will also be explored. In addition, participants will be introduced to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) lessons that provide insights into how ziplines work, the physics of falling, mechanical advantage, vectors, and others. Successful completion of this course will also provide renewal of COPE Director Certification. Requirements: Current certification as a COPE Director or Level II Instructor. Participants must be in good physical condition. BSA Annual Health and Medical Record – parts A, B, and C required. Week 11: September 17-23

COPE Director Certification

This is a National Camping School COPE Directors course designed for those who will be leading COPE (challenge course) programs. This course includes initiative games, spotted challenge course elements (Low COPE), challenge course elements using life-safety systems (High COPE), bouldering, and climbing/ rappelling activities using constructed facilities. Current COPE Directors are welcome to attend to further their knowledge and renew their certificate of training. Requirements: Participants must be in good physical condition. This course will include evening sessions, so participants will have limited time with family members. BSA Annual Health and Medical Record – parts A, B, and C required. Week 11: September 17-23

The Council/District Training Committee

For members of the district training committee and council training committee and trainers, this conference features the latest tools, techniques, and best practices to help you increase the number of trained leaders while building a successful and sustainable training program. Additional topics



include creative ways to reach the untrained leader; how to utilize unit trainers; and methods to recruit, train, and strengthen the district training team. Participants will also learn where to find, interpret, and act on council training data. The most current information on new and/or revised syllabi for volunteer training courses will be shared.
Week 2: June 18-24; Week 6: July 16-22

Council and Assistant Council Commissioner

This conference is an excellent opportunity for council commissioners and others involved in unit service to become prepared to raise unit service to a new level of excellence in their home council. The conference offers a series of presentations on key topics such as the role and responsibilities of a council commissioner, resources, recruiting, organizing and developing a council-level team to lead unit service, recruiting and recognizing commissioners, and leveraging contemporary resources such as the Commissioner Tools, Journey to Excellence, the New-Unit Retention process and The Voice of the Scout. In addition, participants will participate in a series of workshops that will enable them to begin practical application of the information presented. An open exchange of ideas and experiences is encouraged among participants and conference leaders.. Week 1: June 11-17

Council Key 3

Topics during this conference of top council leadership include Journey to Excellence as it pertains to finance, membership, program, unit service, leadership, governance, volunteer & professional relationships, strategic planning, council & district operations, commissioner service, marketing, social media & technology, Key 3 orientation, and Enterprise Risk Management. The week includes time for breakout sessions by position. Participants are encouraged to attend as a Council Key 3 team. Week 2: June 18-24; Week 5: July 9-15; Week 8: July 30-August 5

Council Outdoor Program Committee Operations

The Council Outdoor Programs Committee is one of the most important leadership functions that delivers an integrated and holistic approach to providing relevant and exciting programs to inspire youth and families to join and remain in Scouting. This course delivers the tools for Council leaders to bring together under a common governance structure all 20 Specialty Program Committees such as fishing, shooting, camping, aquatics, high adventure, climbing, etc., and support functions such as Health and Safety, Marketing, Order of the Arrow, NYLT, Woodbadge, and Religious Relations to produce the best outdoor adventures that excite our marketplace. Participants will actually practice the skills of integrating all of the Specialty Programs with support functions to deliver the activities and programs that inspire great Scouting.
Week 11: September 17-23

Cub Scout Extravaganza

Imagine attending the Philmont Training Center and being able to interact with Cub Scout Leaders from across the country for a week, AND being able to pick and choose which sessions to attend to improve on your Cub Leader skills! The summer of 2017 will offer you exactly that opportunity! Announcing.... The 2017 Cub Scout Leader EXTRAVAGANZA weeks at PTC!! Imagine your local council University of Scouting – but lasting for a week. Plan a program of your choice, designed to meet your needs by selecting from an assortment of Cub Leader topics ranging from Outdoor Skills to Training Administration, and from Den and Pack

Management to CUB SCOUT Fun and PIAZZ!! We will be featuring all these, PLUS information on the Lion Pilot program, and the recently revised BALOO Cub Leader Training Experience! There is something for everyone.... and more!

Register now for an EXTRAVAGANZA week, and when you arrive at the PTC, you'll be able to plan your week to get the most out of your time spent in Scouter's Paradise. The faculty is made up of Boy Scouts of America National level volunteers and professional experts on the topics – it doesn't get any better than this!! Week 2: June 18-24; Week 7: July 23-29

District & Assistant District Commissioner Training

This conference is for District Commissioners, Assistant District Commissioners, and other Scouters who are being appointed to one of these positions. Learn the mission of commissioner service; utilizing the Commissioner Tools on My.Scouting; how to be a leader versus manager; reading and using monthly commissioner reports; serving new units; recruiting, training and retaining commissioners; the importance of regular unit visits; and the commissioner's role in assisting their units to succeed in their Journey to Excellence. Week 1: June 11-17

District Key 3

Imagine enjoying a week of quality time at Philmont with your district key 3 and key 3s from many other councils – discussing the role of the district key 3 and how they work together to build and operate a successful district. The conference will include a focus on improving the service area's Journey to Excellence standing, as well as the role of each key 3 member, the key 3 agenda, strategic planning, marketing, membership, the nominating committee process, and how to run the best district committee meeting. Participants should ideally attend as a district key 3 team. Week 2: June 18-24; Week 5: July 9-15; Week 8: July 30-August 5

District Operations 2 - (by invitation only)

Professional Development Conference offered by BSA's ScoutingU. Open to professional Scouters by invitation. Contact ScoutingU Westlake Campus for registration information, including a special registration code. (817)-430-5300
Week 8: July 30-August 5

Effective Roundtables

This conference is for all commissioners associated with providing unit service through roundtables, forums, and huddles. The conference will assist those who are in the positions of roundtable, forum, or huddle commissioners and their assistants, as well as assistant council commissioner for roundtable and assistant district commissioner for roundtables. If you need to know more about how to conduct high quality roundtable, huddle, or forum experiences, this is the conference for you. The program is conducted by experienced roundtable commissioners who provide ideas on promotion, increasing participation, planning, and staff management. Learn how to provide the best roundtable experience in your district.
Week 1: June 11-17

Energize Your Enterprise Risk Management Committee

This is a hands-on, interactive workshop to help you energize your ERM Committee to protect the people, property, environment, and brand of the Scouting movement in your council. The conference is designed for district, council, regional health and safety and/ or risk management committee members, and council professionals who are assigned as the ERM Committee staff advisors.

Many of our prior course participants are leading the charge for active engaged ERM Committees in their Councils. We know that members of camp assessment teams, program, camping, training, properties, or other key volunteers; unit leaders; and professionals, such as Rangers, who have Health and Safety or Risk Management responsibilities will also benefit from this course. As a participant you will study the leading causes of incidents and conduct exercises in hazard and risk identification, analysis, and resolutions using the latest in program hazard analysis techniques. You will conduct an accident investigation and present it to a mock council executive board with your recommendations to prevent future occurrences. The course includes understanding insurance and compliance issues that face your council. Your instructors will include key volunteers from the National Health and Safety Support Committee, a representative of the Risk Management Advisory Panel, and members of the National Council Health and Safety and Risk Management Teams. Week 8: July 30-August 5

Fundamentals of Fundraising

The BSA Fund Development Department and Scouting U have teamed up with the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) to offer professionals and volunteers an opportunity to earn CFRE International continuing education credits by participating in this course. The course offers a complete overview of the development function, featuring the most current information and techniques. An intensive course, it includes case studies and projects for groups and individuals, making the learning experience substantive. Created by experienced fundraising professionals, this seven-module course is designed to meet the real-world needs and challenges nonprofit organizations face every day. This course will assist people conducting District and Council FOS campaigns.
Week 8: July 30-August 5

Games with a Purpose

Learn how to facilitate team building games. These initiative games focus on communications, problem-solving, trust, planning, leadership, goal setting, and cooperation. They are challenging, but help build a spirit of team work. We will spend time in experiential activities with lots of outdoor opportunities. No matter the role you serve in your unit, district, or council, you will be able to take away some ideas to engage others. Week 5: July 9-15

Growing a Venturing Program (14-20 age youth may attend)

The Venturing A-L-P-S program model builds on success from the past and provides a framework for a dynamic program of adventure, leadership, personal growth, and service; grounded in a flexible program of continuous, youth-led adventure with the new recognition system providing Venturers with benchmarks of progress. This program model will be used as a framework for supporting your crew's program and for establishing council support for crew program needs forms the heart of this conference. This conference is designed for crew advisors, crew committee members, and crew officers.
Week 5: July 9-15

Growing Your Scouts with Disabilities Membership and Resources

Serving more Scouts with special needs is worth the effort! Both Scouting volunteers and BSA professional staff will learn some best practices for increasing membership among youth with disabilities, ways to keep them actively engaged in their Scouting experience, and how to sustain a quality Scouting program through foundation support. Week 9: August 6-12



LDS Scouting Leadership Conference (by invitation only)

The LDS Priesthood Leadership Conference on Scouting at Philmont is for LDS Stake presidencies only. Invitations for the conference are sent from the LDS Church to those who are eligible. The conference is designed to teach Stake leadership how to implement the Scouting program within church programs. Week 3: June 24-30; Week 4: July 1-7

Leadership Development

We must develop our leaders if we are to continue to thrive as an organization. Participants will have the option to choose between sessions 1&2 during the first half of the week and sessions 3&4 in the second half of the week. Come prepared to learn and be inspired to go to the next level.

1. Project Management Essentials for the Unofficial Project Manager – Franklin Covey - This work session will help participant's consistently complete projects successfully. They will learn to implement a disciplined process to execute projects and to master informal authority to inspire the team.

2. Building Effective Teams - In this workshop, you will learn strategies and facilitation techniques for building great teams and creating successful team dynamics. You will develop skills that enhance communication and trust, and align team members around shared goals so they can effectively plan, communicate, execute, and deliver.

3. Successful Delegation - This fast-paced workshop gives you real-world practice in delegation strategies that will reduce your stress level, empower your staff, and build morale. Put this delegation skill training to work for you to pinpoint the right task, the right time, and the right person to help you maximize productivity for you and your team.

4. Managing Millennials – This workshop will help staff leaders retain, improve relationships, and motivation for millennials to achieve their best efforts thus producing better results. Offered by BSA's ScoutingU. Contact ScoutingU Westlake Campus for registration information, including a special registration code. (817)-430-5300 Week 5: July 9-15

The Mechanics of Training

Designed for unit-, district-, and council-level volunteers and professional Scouters, this conference will cover the mechanics of training including the latest training tools, techniques, and best practices. Participants will be instructed in how to use My.Scouting Tools, the Learning Management System (LMS), training reports, and basic training requirements for leaders. Also discussed will be meeting the JTE goal for training, monitoring and promoting volunteer training awards, and how to plan, organize, and implement a unit/district/council training plan. Week 2: June 18-2; Week 8: July 30-August 5

Membership Growth Strategies that Work

Membership growth is essential to producing leaders for the future. BSA President, Randall Stephenson says that the Boy Scouts of America produces leaders with integrity and character like no one else. Join us to learn about all the resources available to assist you in this worthy endeavor. This course is designed for District and Council Membership Chairs. Learn about techniques and tactics to attract and retain members in all of our programs – Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts/Varsity, Venturing/Sea Scouts, and Exploring. The role of the Unit Membership Chair, Recruiting, Transition Plans, along with New Unit Organization will all be discussed. Resources including District and Council Market Analysis, Growth Planning Tools, Marketing Resources, and Pilot Programs will be reviewed and shared. Week 8: July 30-August 5

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)

Youth learn to internalize and practice their leadership skills in this action-packed backcountry conference. By honing the skills taught in 'Introduction to Leadership Skills,' Kodiak Challenge, and NYLT in an outdoor experiential learning environment, youth "live leadership", with skills that will be carried home to the unit and other aspects of their lives. A co-ed conference open to all programs, NAYLE underscores the values of Scouting, teamwork and promotes the concepts of servant leadership. Requirements: Minimum age 14 (or 13 and completed eight grade); completed NYLT and a BSA Annual Health and Medical Record – parts A, B, and C. Week 2: June 18-24; Week 5: July 9-15; Week 6: July 16-22; Week 7: July 23-29; Week 8: July 30-August 5; Week 9: August 6-12

National Camp Accreditation Program (NCAP) - Strengthening Your Council

Our Councils and our High Adventure Bases are our greatest assets and our greatest liabilities. This conference will help you understand how our camps fit within our programs and keeping them sustainable will help dictate how our organization prospers or fails. Week 11: September 17-23

National Lodge and Section Advisor Symposium

Each lodge will receive one ticket to send a Lodge Adviser or Associate Adviser and each Section will receive one ticket. Ticket holders will have the opportunity, on a first come/first serve basis to attend this Symposium. We will be taking a business symposium approach and feature speakers who are national experts to address issues such as crisis management, mentoring youth, making your program financially stable, building fun and effective programs, building and maintaining relationships, and strategies for working with millennials and 12-18 year olds. Week 2: June 18-24

Orienteering, Geocaching, and Finding your Way

Finding your way in the outdoors can be a true learning experience. New skills and renewed interest will be brought to you with hands on experiences with orienteering and geocaching. Learn tips and tricks to teach your youth about the skills needed to survive in the outdoors. Over half the week will be in the outdoors. It is for the expert or the novice. Program tips will be shared for you to take home to support all levels of the program from the youngest to the oldest Scouts. Week 9: August 6-12

Philmont Ambassador

Taste the buffalo – see the deer! Come and learn about all of Philmont's programs and the Philmont Training Center! This conference will let you meet the people who help make it Scouting's Paradise, while experiencing some of the sights and sounds of New Mexico. We will share best practices in marketing and promoting Philmont opportunities in your local area. You will also learn all about the operation of the Training Center, High Adventure Base and Ranch operation. Classroom time is shared with trail time to fill your week with Philmont memories. You'll be ready to serve your council as a Philmont Ambassador after this week! Complete the first step on your Philmont Masters knot! Must be a current, approved Philmont Ambassador to attend. Week 9: August 6-12

Philmont Leadership Challenge

Adults learn to internalize and practice their leadership skills in this action-packed backcountry conference. The conference hones the skills taught in Wood Badge in an outdoor experiential learning environment. PLC underscores the values of Scouting and teamwork and promotes the concepts of servant leadership. Open to all programs. Participants will not have an opportunity to be with family during the week. Requirements: attended Wood Badge (may be working your ticket) and BSA Annual Health and Medical Record Parts A, B, and C. Week 4: July 2-8; Week 11: September 17-23

Philmont Staff Association (PSA) Reunion

The 2017 Philmont Staff Association reunion is a week-long opportunity for members to return HOMe. This unique experience was last offered in 2013 and is a perfect chance to share the magic of Philmont with your family. It is an ideal venue for a family vacation with specialized programs for children, spouses, and PSA members. Reunion activities will include day trips to the backcountry, special presentations on Philmont and Northeast New Mexico, a silent auction, the annual meeting, special evening programs, the Silver Sage Award ceremony, and an option to participate in a service project. The 60th Anniversary of the Philmont Rangers will also be highlighted during the week. The reunion is an excellent time to reunite with friends as well as forge new relationships while exchanging experiences from working in God's Country! Week 7: July 23-29

Planning Programs that Rock

Learn to plan and execute exciting, high-energy programs for your troop, team, or crew using the BSA's Program Planning Features and other resources. Then get outside at Philmont and try your hand at activities like geocaching, search and rescue, special cooking, and advanced pioneering. You'll have a great time at Philmont – and your Scouts and Venturers will have a great time when you get home. Aimed at Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturing leaders. Week 7: July 23-29

Practical Greening

Most of us have an idea of what sustainability means – and often the concept is overwhelming. Where do you start? What can you do? Can you really make a difference? Look no further. Start with this hands-on, activity-based course. You won't find scholarly mumbo-jumbo here. Just practical, uncomplicated, day-to-day actions you can implement. For more than a century, the Boy Scouts of America has been a leader in conservation education and environmental stewardship. In fact, you might say we were green when green was just a color. This course is for people who care about the world around them and the people in it. Upon completion of this course, your enthusiasm for practical sustainability will be contagious. You'll have the tools and knowledge to spearhead "Practical Sustainability" programs with your family, council and community. Join us as we advance the Scouting commitment to move from Green to Deep Green. Week 8: July 30-August 5

The Properties Course: The Business of Running a Camp

A companion piece to "Design and Development of Camping Properties". This week long course explores the business fundamentals that drive our camping program. Participants will come away with interactive tools that will enable them to measure and improve their operations. Week 11: September 17-23



Reinventing your Handicraft Lodge

Is your handicraft program boring? Are your Scouts making baskets that even their Mom does not love? Attendees at this hands on conference will learn how to use the next nine months to raise the bar of their camp's Handicraft Area. Topics will run the gambit from making better baskets to welding to the finances of the Handicraft area. Handicraft should be a dynamic part of your summer offerings to excite Scouts about what is possible and introducing them to their lifelong interests. Merit badges to be discussed will include art, basket weaving, leatherwork, pottery, welding, and wood carving. Let us help you bring your Handicraft Area to the next level. Week 9: August 6-12

Scouting in the Catholic Church

This conference focuses participants not only on the mission and programs of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS), but also involves them in adult faith formation and an understanding of the concept of Scouting as a youth ministry. It is designed for any adult interested in using Scouting as a program for Catholic youth ministry such as Scout chaplains, clergy, (arch) diocesan or parish youth ministers, and council, diocesan, regional and national Catholic Committee leadership and members. Week 6: July 16-22

Serving Diverse Communities

If you are a commissioner serving units in multicultural communities, then this conference is for you! Topics will include insights, tools, and resources to help you become more familiar and effective as a district commissioner, assistant district commissioner, or unit commissioner serving units in your area. As communities grow and change, more units are being formed in Scouting's underserved markets. Many of these units may not have a history with Scouting. You will successfully deliver the mission of Scouting by better understanding the opportunity and challenges these new units face and understand the importance of your mission of commissioner service to their sustainable success and quality Scouting experience. Effective monthly visits, unit self-assessments, and action planning, providing charter renewal, annual service plans, commissioner priorities, and the Commissioner's role in assisting units to succeed all contribute to their Journey to Excellence. Week 1: June 11-17

Smarter, Strategic and Sustainable Scouting

Between smartphones, social media, traveling sports teams, and increasing homework loads, today's Scouts live in a different world than previous generations. Yet countless troops thrive with post-Millennial youth. This conference will help you build a smart, strategic sustainable troop that teaches timeless values in today's environment. Topics of discussion will include strategic membership growth, improving advancement, effective youth and leadership dynamics, engaging youth with technology to your advantage, and retaining youth after the age of 18. Whether you are a Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, committee member, or parent, you will learn proven techniques for improving your troop's program and operations. Week 2: June 18-24

Sporting Clays

Sporting Clays and other shooting events are growing in popularity. Come learn what successful councils are doing to have hugely successful events. All aspects of the event will be covered, from finding a facility, recruiting donors and participants, insurance, the finances behind the event, and the actual day of the event logistics. Everyone who is running or looking to run a sporting clays event is encouraged to attend. Week 5: July 9-15

STEM-Tastic Scouting - Inspiration, Imagination and Innovation

This week-long STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) conference is designed to help you and your council integrate STEM programs and activities into your current programming. There will be many opportunities to experience hands-on activities to share with your units; these activities will be accompanied by discussion on how to implement, modify, and incorporate them in and for your programs. Excitement, roadblocks, funding, recruitment, training, resources, and tracking will be topics addressed by this conference. Week 1: June 11-17

Strengthening Leadership Teams

This conference is for all council, district and unit volunteers focused on building stronger unit leadership teams. Participants will closely evaluate the volunteer recruiting process and discuss how to best identify key unit needs, select the most qualified leaders for each position, plan for succession, promote volunteerism, and leverage training and local resources to maximize volunteer success. Complete with practical volunteer recruiting exercises and tools to engage a new generation of prospective volunteers, participants will return to their communities prepared to significantly increase volunteer support for unit programs. Week 6: July 16-22

T-Cubed (T3) - Train the Trainer

Train the Trainer is Scouting U's three-part series (Fundamentals of Training, EDGE, and Strategic Planning) designed to help Scouters learn training techniques, improve training skills, and provide quality, effective training that will make Scouting more meaningful in the lives of youth and adults. Attend this conference to learn more about the series and how to bring it alive in your service area. This conference is for unit, district, and council trainers. The Strategic Planning component is especially beneficial for district and council training chairs. Week 6: July 16-22; Week 8: July 30-August 5

Trek Leader Planning and Advanced Outdoor Leader Skills

Participants will leave prepared to teach other Scouters the outdoor skills needed for extended-stay outdoor activities. The conference includes planning and conducting a backcountry trek during the week. Participants will not have an opportunity to be with their family during the week. After successful participation you will earn a National Camping School certification as a Trek Leader. BSA Annual Health and Medical Record – parts A, B, and C required. Week 11: September 17-23

Unit Commissioner

This conference features topics including: Commissioner Tools, effective monthly unit visits, unit self-assessment, action planning, providing service to new units, coaching skills, charter renewal, annual service plan, commissioner priorities, identifying resources available to unit commissioners, commissioner burnout, unit problem-solving, leader development, Journey to Excellence award program, and commissioner unit "lifesaving" techniques. For unit commissioners who provide a direct link to district committee resources in support of a quality unit program. Week 1: June 11-17

Varsity Scouting in LDS teams

This conference will show how Varsity Scouting programs work especially within the values and organization of the LDS church. It will help LDS leaders as well as council and district leaders build successful Varsity Scout programs. Attendees will

include Coaches, team committee members, and Unit Commissioners at Ward and Stake levels. Those of other faiths working at the district and council levels—especially professionals—will also profit from knowing how to establish new Varsity Scout teams within their councils. Week 5 July 9-15

Venturing Blast! (14-20 age youth officers may attend)

Inviting all key Venturing Officer Association (VOA) youth leaders, adult advisors, and staff advisors to a new training experience! Participants will be able to join with other leaders from across the nation to network, build friendships, discover more of the ALPS program model, and develop skills to help VOAs support an explosive Venturing program that will recruit and retain youth! This isn't your typical classroom course. Ditch the projector and immerse yourself in the beauty of PTC while enjoying some exciting adventures at Philmont. BSA Annual Health and Medical Record – parts A, B, and C are required. Week 9: August 6-12

Visual Storytelling

Attendees will learn to take great photos that capture the essence of Scouting, as well as how to maximize sharing those photos through social media sites. That's the vision for the Visual Storytelling conference. Attendees will learn the basics of multimedia storytelling, how to publish to the Web, and techniques for passing on what they learn. This conference is intended for those who have at least some experience with still photography and/or video, and have a passion for showing the story of Scouting. Week 9: August 6-12

Wilderness First Aid Instructor Trainer Certification

High Adventure is a core feature of Scouting. Even more important is having that adventure in a safe manner. That's why Wilderness First Aid is required for leaders involved in these programs. This conference will teach you those skills, including opportunities to practice scenarios in Philmont's backcountry AND even more importantly, will teach you to teach. This is an opportunity to become a qualified instructor capable of training others in your area in Wilderness First Aid. This will be a great benefit to the Scouters in your council. Prior training as an instructor is valuable and recommended, but not a prerequisite. Certification from ESCI. Week 1: June 11-17; Week 11: September 17-23

Year Round Shooting Sports

Increase / expand / improve your program in one of the most popular activity areas in all of Scouting. Add excitement to your outdoor program or weekend events. Learn new ways to capitalize on existing council facilities. Week 11: September 17-23



How to register for 2017!

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Fellow Scouter:

I would like to extend an invitation for you to participate in a 2017 conference at the Philmont Training Center near Cimarron, New Mexico.

Together, we're on a journey to help young people Be Prepared. For Life. The key to our success has always been trained leaders, both volunteers and staff. You'll find attending training at Philmont is a true "mountain top" event for both you and your family. The faculty, staff and other participants are carefully selected to insure an exceptionally helpful, practical, and inspiring training experience.

While you attend the training sessions, your entire family will be invited to participate in a full range of age appropriate, unique to Philmont, activities. Philmont is known for providing life-time memories and life-changing personal experiences to all who visit. If possible, I encourage you not to miss this unique opportunity for a family adventure.

Core to the mission, purpose, and culture of Philmont is to return home ready and willing to partner with your local council by sharing the knowledge gained with other Scouters. A Philmont training experience will deepen your skills in helping deliver quality Scouting experiences to ever more young people!

I hope you'll share the information in this flyer with your family. Then, since many conferences have limited attendance, I encourage you to register soon. I hope that you and your family will accept our invitation and can join us at the Philmont Training Center in 2017!

In gratitude and appreciation for your service to young people through Scouting,

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