Prepared. For Summer

Summer camp is right around the corner and soon thousands of Scouts and leaders will embark on an unforgettable outdoor adventure.

But as your family starts preparing for the adventures ahead, it’s important to review our many safety protocols and remember that you have a choice.

Over the past few months we’ve been carefully reviewing every single aspect of our summer camp operations and making safety our top priority at all our summer camps.

Our newly revised Summer Camp Health and Safety Plan was created using guidelines from federal, state, and local health officials as well as the National BSA accreditation program.

The result is a comprehensive plan that includes daily health and wellness checks, distancing requirements, split dining hall shifts, and much more.

Visit hoac-bsa.org/camp-safety to review our full safety plan as well as what to expect during our 2021 camping season.

As a council, we can’t wait to offer unforgettable summer programs for thousands of families. We know you have many choices when it comes to your family and we truly appreciate your partnership and trust as we prepare our camps for summer.
Escape the Great Indoors
Summer Camp 2021

The countdown to summer camp is on and we're preparing our camps to make 2021 unforgettable.

From Day Camps across the metro to 10-day adventures at Bartle, get ready to escape the great indoors and explore summer like never before with a camp for every program.

For Cubs, embark on a pre-historic adventure one-million years in the making at a Jurassic Cubs Day Camp. Or make a splash at Camp Naish with our extended Bear and Webelos Camps or our all-new Wolf Camp.

Just for Troops, head to Bartle for the ultimate Scout Camp experience. Choose from our traditional 10-day sessions or try our new 8-day session.

But act quick because sessions for all camps are filling up fast! Check out the all-new ScoutCamping.org to preview our 2021 summer adventures and session availability.
Jurassic Cubs Day Camp
Explore a prehistoric world of fun and adventure and choose from 7 camps conveniently located throughout the metro. Get ready for a "dino-mite" summer experience with exciting summer activities from shooting sports to science. Day Camps run 4-5 days and are open to all Cub Scouts entering the first grade and older.

Wolf Camp
NEW in 2021, Wolf Camp gives Scouts in the 2nd grade and their parent/guardian the opportunity to explore the great outdoors and participate in action packed activities at Camp Naish. Escape the ordinary with this two-day, one-night camping experience.

Bear Camp
Bear Camp is back and better than ever before. This three-day, two-night session is designed to give Scouts in the 3rd grade and their parent/guardian the complete outdoor experience. Explore Camp Naish and participate in action packed activities along the way.

Webelos Camp
Webelos Camp is new and improved this year. This four-day, three-night adventure is designed to prepare Webelos for a long-term Scouts BSA camping experience. Scouts will explore Camp Naish all while working on achievements through action packed outdoor adventures.

Bartle Scout Reservation
When it comes to troops, adventure is what we're all about. And whether it's ascending to the top of the climbing tower or setting sail at the lakefront, our award-winning H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation is among the best summer destinations for troops in the country.

Explore 10-day or our new 8-day session and make plans now to make this summer unforgettable.

Visit Scoutcamping.org to book your adventure today.
Spend more time Scouting and less time fundraising in 2021 with our new and improved Scout Saver Program. Now, Scouts have a choice on how they want to fundraise with three great options including our traditional Scout Saver Cards, our new Digital Saver Membership, and a new Trail’s End spring popcorn sale.

Participating in the Scout Saver Program is a great way to easily off-set Scouting costs like summer camp and yearly membership dues. The Scout Saver Sale is happening now and will run through the end of May. Any unsold Scout Saver Cards must be returned to the Council Service Center by June 4, 2021.

2021 Scout Saver Programs

Scout Saver Cards

Our Scout Saver Cards are one of the easiest ways to fund your Scouting experience. At only $5 each, each Scout Saver Card is packed full of great deals from area retailers like Dick’s Sporting Goods, Papa Johns, Firestone and more. Plus, Scouts receive $2.50 from every card they sell.

Digital Saver Membership — New in 2021!

We’re also introducing a brand-new Digital Saver program this year — an online rewards club offering thousands of deals from retailers across the country. Digital memberships only cost $20 and Scouts will earn $6.25 for each membership they sell, plus, Scouts can sell these memberships from the comfort of their own home online.

Trail’s End Popcorn — New in 2021!

This year we are harnessing the power of Trail’s End for a virtual spring sale. Scouts can now sign up to sell popcorn on the Trail’s End app or through the Trail’s End website. And new this spring, Scouts and their families don’t need to worry about handling any product they sell, Trail’s End will ship directly to the buyer.

Learn more at hoac-bsa.org/scout-saver
Patron Luncheon Goes Virtual

LIVE Broadcast Reaches Thousands Across the Country

What happens when you can’t hold your largest fundraising event of the year in person? You go virtual of course! Powered by compelling Scouting testimonials and our motto — be prepared — the Heart of America Council’s Patron Luncheon was streamed live on April 6th to thousands of Scouting supporters here at home and across the country.

Hosted by our very own Council President, Charlie Tetrick, and headlined by special appearances from artists to astronauts, the live broadcast showcased the impact Scouting is making in our Kansas City communities and beyond. The event was highlighted by Dr. Robert Gates. A distinguished Eagle Scout and Kansas native, Dr. Gates is the former Secretary of Defense, past President of the Boy Scouts of America. Dr. Gates shared how Scouting shaped his life and career and he even fielded questions from some Kansas City Scouts.

The day was also all about giving. A special thank you to the hundreds of table hosts, sponsors and supporters for helping us surpass our goal and raise more than $650,000 for local Scouting programs!

Missed the live broadcast or want to watch again? Visit BSAPatronLuncheon.org to give to Scouting and to watch the show in its entirety.

Online Scout Shop

Ship Directly to your Door!

Don’t have time to make it to the Scout Shop? Now you can shop everything from advancement to apparel without leaving home thanks to the new online Kansas City Scout Shop. Available now, simply shop and submit your order online. Your items will be packed and set aside for either in-store or curbside pick-up. You can even have your items shipped directly to your door!

Online ordering is easy and includes everything from rank advancement to uniforms and more! This new convenience is perfect for busy families and Scouting units that want a simple shopping solution.

Learn more and start shopping today at hoac-bsa.org.
We're partnering with Messengers of Peace on Saturday, May 1st for Scouts Trash the Trash Day — A global day of giving back. Trash the Trash Day is an international Messengers of Peace project designed for Scouts across the world to pick up at least two pounds of trash. But the day is about more than just cleaning our planet, it’s a day to show the world what Scouting is all about!

How it Works:

1. On Saturday, May 1, find a safe location along with a buddy and a parent to pick-up trash. A great spot could be around your neighborhood or a public park.
2. Be sure to bring trash bags, gloves, masks and of course maintain social distancing.
3. Collect 2 pounds of trash and be sure to have a plan to discard it properly.
4. Then enter your hours and amount of trash collected so we can measure the impact Scouts are making across Kansas City. Scouts who participate will earn 2 service hours upon completion.
5. After you’ve submitted your results locally, register with Messengers of Peace and submit your totals to be counted in the global effort.
6. From there you’ll be able to print your official certificate and place your pin on the global map alongside thousands of Scouts across the world.
7. Commemorate a job well done with the international Scouts Trash the Trash patch. Make sure to share your and connect with Scouts across the world through the Scouts Trash the Trash official social media.

Learn more and register at hoac-bsa.org/trash-the-trash-day.
Scout Day at the K

Returns September 5, 2021

Scouting’s largest event returns to Kauffman Stadium in 2021!

Mark your calendars and join us for Scout Day at the K on September 5th at Kauffman Stadium as the Royals take on the White Sox in a late season Central Division showdown.

More than just admission to the game, Scout Day at the K includes Scout exclusive experiences throughout the stadium and special in-game extras.

As you can imagine, seating for this year’s game is extremely limited to allow for stadium spacing and these tickets will go fast!

Advance tickets will be available this summer and will include select tier pricing and an exclusive Eagle Scout ticket package featuring our limited-edition challenge coin.

Pre-order tickets on the official Scout Day at the K website at hoac-bsa.org/scout-day-at-the-k and we’ll see you at the ballpark this fall!
INTRODUCING THE ALL NEW
STEMovation App

Scouting goes mobile with our new STEMovation App.

Get ready to ignite your imagination and explore STEM like never before through interactive modules that make learning and advancement easy.

Created right here in the Heart of America Council, our new STEMovation App is sponsored by Honeywell and includes a series of easy to navigate tutorials that will help Scouts work towards their STEM Nova awards.

Explore new challenges, cool experiments, special contests and embark on a comprehensive learning experience from your smartphone or tablet.

With programs for Cubs, Scouts BSA, and Venturers, the STEMovation App is the perfect tool for Scouts of all ages.

Our new STEMovation App will be available for FREE in the app store this May so stay tuned for the official launch date!

STEMovation Modules

Scouts can work toward a selection of STEM Nova awards within their specific program. Each program includes at least one module from the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math sections.

**Cubs Scout Modules**
- Down and Dirty — Science Award
- Cubs can Code — Technology Award
- Up and Away — Engineering Award
- 1,2,3 GO! — Math Award

**Scouts BSA Modules**
- Shoot! — Science Award
- Start your Engines — Technology Award
- Up and Away — Engineering Award
- Designed to Crunch — Math Award

**Venturers Modules**
- Launch! — Science Award
- Power Up — Technology Award
- Up and Away — Engineering Award
- Numbers Don’t Lie — Math Award

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September 10-12 | Bartle

Set your sights on adventure as Shoot-A-Palooza heads to the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation this fall on September 10-12, 2021.

An immersive shooting experience, Shoot-A-Palooza is designed to give troops and crews the opportunity to experience the fun of shooting sports outside of the summer camp setting.

Our expert staff will lead Scouts through an overview of safe shooting sports policies before the action begins. Scouts will be able to participate in multi-target presentation shotgun shooting, precision rifle shooting, paint ball accuracy shooting, distance and action archery, slingshots, BB guns, and several other activities.

The early bird special is only $30 per Scout and ends August 2, 2021. Spots are going fast, and registration is limited to 250 youth participants so be sure to reserve a place for your unit today at hoac-bsa.org/activities.

NYLT
National Youth Leadership Training

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) returns to Camp Naish this summer with two great sessions to choose from. NYLT is an intensive, six-day outdoor training experience for Scouts designed to give them the confidence and knowledge to run unit programs by developing leadership skills, strengthening communication, and by giving them the tools to lead all while in a fun environment.

Through this course, Scouts will have the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with youth from other units to better understand how to help manage their troop or crew. The lessons learned will focus around the concepts of what a leader must be, what a leader must know, and what a leader must do, making NYLT the ultimate course to train your unit’s youth leadership.

Sessions are filling up fast, so be sure to visit hoac-bsa.org/nylt to reserve a spot for a leader in your unit today!

2021 Course Sessions
- Course A/B — June 6-12
- Course C/D — August 1-6
Review These Revised Safety Checklists Before Any Service Project

Despite the pandemic, Scouts continue to serve their communities. While we take a face covering with us when we head out now, it’s important to remind ourselves what else we need to do to keep safely serving.

Take a look at these two updated risk assessment tools: the SAFE service project planning checklist and the SAFE project tool use guidelines; you can also find both in the appendix to the Guide to Safe Scouting. SAFE is an acronym for safety points Scouts and Scouters should abide by before any activity, including service projects:

- Supervision
- Assessment
- Fitness and Skill
- Equipment and Environment

Are qualified and trustworthy adults monitoring the Scouts? Have leaders reviewed the risks? Are Scouts using tools they can physically and maturely handle? Are the tools safe to use? These are just a few questions to ask before any project. You can find more, along with age-appropriate guidelines for tool use, in the updated risk assessment documents.

These resources are here to help you and your Scouts commit to making safe decisions. And while the pandemic continues, more resources on how to continue Scouting can be found here.

From public health drives...to caring for the environment...to assisting neighbors in need...Scouts have always been a force for positivity and goodness in our communities. This summer, we’re stepping up again, and we need you! With big projects or small, join us in the national Summer of Service!

www.scouting.org/summerofservice