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Troop 455 Annual Planning Guide

*Celebrating 50 Years
as a Troop!
Haygood UMC*



Troop 455 Program Planning: Our Approach & Guiding Principles

We believe that the best way to keep our Troop 455 Scouts, families, and leaders active and engaged is to have a calendar full of exciting activities and events AND share our calendar as far out as possible. We have learned that early planning and continuous communication really helps inspire confidence and commitment to our events. We know that our Scouts and families are busy with commitments at school, home, sports, church/temple, and friends – getting early on the family “master calendar” gives everyone the opportunity to help put Scouting first.

Program planning is led by the Senior Patrol with ideas contributed by all Scouts and supported by our Troop Adult leadership. Planning is centered around great outings and activities guided by a few key principles:

Ensure Safety First...

Guide to Safe Scouting: We annually review Scouting policies and procedures for relevant updates. www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss

Youth Protection: We refamiliarize ourselves with Youth Protection policies and protocols and recommit to following for all meetings, events, and outings. www.scouting.org/youthprotection

Deliver with Excellence...

Training: We strongly believe that every youth deserves trained leaders (Scouts and adults) who are prepared to deliver an exceptional and safe program. We take great pride that we have 100% of our adult leaders certified as “TRAINED” by BSA – that is the highest percentage in the entire Atlanta Council. Many of our Scouts and Adult leaders have advanced trainings in NYLT, Wood Badge, and Wilderness First Aid, amongst others. www.atlantabsa.org/training

Advancement: With the support of our Unit Advancement Chair, we review where we are as Troop with ranks and merit badges and look to ensure that every Scout has advancement opportunities through the year. Where possible, we try to embed those advancement goals into our monthly Troop meeting planning and outings. www.atlantabsa.org/Advancement

Make it FUN!...

Camping Outings: These outings are what really gets remembered each year. We plan at least 9 monthly outings during the school year. During the Summer, we attend Summer Camp as a Troop and have at least one High Adventure Trip for older Scouts.

Programs & Activities: Many activities and programs are centered around our weekly Troop Meetings. And there are numerous other optional events that are hosted by District and Council -- Merit Badge Summits, Scout Days, and many other opportunities. We are not always able to participate in these as a Troop, but they are highlighted and encouraged to our Scouts.



Troop 455 Program Planning: Our Approach & Guiding Principles (cont.)

Attract new Scouts AND families...

Membership Recruitment: We acknowledge that neither Scouting nor Troop 455 sell themselves. We must create a welcoming environment and be intentional about reaching out within our community for new Scouts. We are fortunate to have a natural pipeline through our younger brother Pack 17 also chartered at Haygood UMC. We intentionally pair Scout Den Chiefs from Troop 455 with Webelos and AOL Dens in Pack 17 to build connections and relationships. Now that COVID restrictions are mostly lifted, we plan to participate in some recruiting activities at neighborhood schools.

Parent Involvement: At its core, Scouting is run and nourished by volunteers, many of whom are parents of participating or former Scouts. Creating a successful Troop truly “takes a village.” While we acknowledge that not every parent has the time nor the desire for deep commitments (such a Scoutmaster), we do believe that there is an opportunity AND need for each parent to get involved in some capacity over the course of the Scout year. We will work hard to get your oriented, find a good fit between your interests and Troop needs, and be respectful of your time and boundaries.

Help ensure our Troop is resourced to be best in class and accessible to all

Unit Budget Plan: We build an exciting year of programming first, then determine the costs. We always keep in mind creating the very best experiences while being mindful or making all that we do affordable and accessible to all. Outlining our Troop budget as well as annual dues and fee structure is an important way for transparency and preparation. We are proud that Scouting is one of the most reasonable and accessible activities for any youth and family.

Fundraising: We are going to place additional focus on fundraising this coming year. Fundraising will help us keep our overall cost burdens for outings and activities lower, enable us to upgrade our equipment, and potentially explore some new needs (such as a Troop trailer). Fundraising itself helps youth learn the value of earning their way. We participated in the two main Council fundraisers, Popcorn and Camp Cards, but will add additional opportunities in the year.

In Summary

On the following pages, you will see the next 14 months of Troop 455 plans and activities. We have worked hard to incorporate all these guiding principles into our monthly calendar of events and programs. But as with any good plan, things may happen...So, we will update and evolve as needed and communicate often. This type of flexibility and resiliency have been legacies of operating during a pandemic collectively. Thanks in advance for your understanding, support, and commitment!

Chad Polk
Committee Chair

Brady Lum
Scoutmaster



2022-23 Troop Goals

OUR MISSION: At our core, the mission of Troop 455 is the same as the mission of BSA: “to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

OUR OBJECTIVES: We share Scouting’s specific objectives, commonly referred to as the “Aims of Scouting”:

- Character development
- Leadership development
- Citizenship training
- Personal fitness

HOW WE MEASURE SUCCESS: We aspire to repeat as a BSA National Journey of Excellence (JTE) GOLD AWARD recipient for 2022! This is Scouting’s highest designation awarded at the Unit level. The full details of the JTE Scorecard are shared on the following pages. Here is what it means for Troop 455:



Continuing our Journey to Excellence – GOLD AWARD



Journey to Excellence is BSA’s national balanced approach to measure unit performance. It guides program planning before the year begins, monitors activities for continuous improvement during the year, and recognizes performance at the end of the year. The period for measuring performance will be the calendar year.

Troop 455 is a proud recipient of the 2021 Journey to Excellence GOLD AWARD – Scouting’s highest at the unit level!!! We aim to REPEAT...

Planning and Budget Measures	
1	The troop will have program plan and budget reviewed at all troop committee meetings. Troop will follow BSA policies relating to fundraising and fiscal management as found on Unit Money-Earning Application form and any other publication that the council has developed for fundraising and fiscal management. A meeting will be held with youth leaders where they are involved in developing plan for next program year. The troop's program plan should be shared with unit commissioner. Separate troops for males and females under the same chartered organization may have a shared unit committee. Committee meetings may be held remotely.
Membership Measures	
2	The troop will have growth plan to serve diversity of our community and will conduct formal recruiting event. On December 31, 2022, the troop will have an increase in number of youth members as compared to the number registered on December 31, 2021. A membership growth plan template can be found at www.scouting.org/membership . The troop has an up-to-date pin on the "Be a Scout" website. Given current challenges, holding formal recruiting events may not be possible. Bronze may be achieved by developing and implementing a recruiting plan involving direct personal invitations for youth to join.
3	Number of youth members on most recent charter renewal (A) divided by number of youth registered at end of prior charter year (B) plus all new youth joining (C) minus any ageouts (D). Total = (A) / (B+C-D). Age-outs are youth too old to reregister as Scouts. Compare membership at 2022 reregistration with membership at 2021 reregistration. For December charter expiration, use Jan, 2023 and Jan, 2022 recharter.
4	Will hold at least two activities with a pack or Webelos den, and will recruit new Webelos Scouts into the troop. Den chiefs will be provided to one or more Cub Scout dens. Virtual gatherings are acceptable.
Program Measures	
5	Total number of Scouts advancing at least one rank (Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, Eagle) during the calendar year (A), divided by the number of youth registered at the end of the year (B). Advancement = (A) / (B). The troop is strongly encouraged to use Scoutbook to track each individual's advancements.
6	Will conduct short-term (at least one overnight) campouts throughout the year.
7	Number of Scouts who attend any in-council or out-of-council long-term summer camp (of at least five nights), high-adventure experience, or jamboree, or serve on camp staff within the past year, divided by the Scout membership on June 30, 2022. Youth attending long-term specialty camps such as NYLT or STEM are also counted. Alternatives that spread the camping nights over multiple experiences may be included. Virtual alternatives are acceptable. These include virtual camping programs and other remote activities.
8	The troop will participate in service projects during the year and enter them on the internet advancement website or through Scoutbook. The projects may be completed as joint projects with other organizations. At least one project must benefit the chartered organization. Service projects may include home-centered efforts providing they serve others outside the home.
9	The troop is separated into patrols and each patrol has an elected patrol leader. If the troop has more than one patrol, there is an elected senior patrol leader. If the troop has more than one patrol, the PLC will meet at least four times each year. The troop will hold patrol leader training each year, and youth will have the opportunity to participate in advanced training. PLC meetings may be held remotely.
Volunteer Leadership Measures	
10	The troop will have Scoutmaster, ASM, and committee of at least three members. Ideally, chartered organization representative should not be dual registered as one of the committee members. Separate troops for males and females with same chartered organization may have shared unit committee. Troop will conduct courts of honor where youth are recognized and program plans shared with parents. Courts of honor may be done remotely. Ideally, "new" leader has never been registered before, but at least must not have been registered within past three years.
11	All leaders have completed youth protection training. Scoutmaster and 60% of the assistants will have completed position-specific training or, if new, will complete within three months of joining. Two-thirds of active committee members (including chartered organization representative) will have completed position-specific training. For Gold, one leader must have attended an advanced training course involving a total of 5 days or more, such as Wood Badge, Summit or Philmont Training Center, at some point in their Scouting tenure.

Scoring the troop's performance: To determine the troop's performance level, you will use the above information to determine the points earned for each of the 11 criteria and then add those individual point scores to determine a composite score. Count only the highest point total achieved in any one criterion. Bronze level requires earning at least 525 points in at least 7 criteria, Silver level requires earning points in at least 8 criteria and 750 points, and Gold level requires earning points in at least 8 criteria, meeting at least bronze standards in either short-term or long-term camping, and earning at least 1,000 total points.



Continuing our Journey to Excellence – GOLD AWARD



The 2022 JTE Scorecard incorporates most of the same elements from 2021. We use the scorecard as a guide to help us ensure that our annual Program Calendar gives us the best opportunity to hit the GOLD level of success again!

Item	Objective	Bronze Level	Silver Level	Gold Level	Bronze Points	Silver Points	Gold Points
Planning and Budget					Total Points: 200		
#1	Planning and budget: Will have a program plan and budget that is regularly reviewed by the committee, following BSA policies related to fundraising. (Virtual/remote meetings are acceptable.)	Will have an annual program plan and budget adopted by the troop committee.	Will achieve Bronze, plus troop will conduct planning meeting involving youth leaders for following program year.	Will achieve Silver, plus troop committee will meet at least six times during the year to review program plans and finances.	50	100	200
Membership					Total Points: 500		
#2	Building Scouting: Will recruit new youth into the troop in order to grow membership.	Will have membership growth plan that includes a recruitment activity or will use a personalized invitation method and have current pin on beascout.org.	Will achieve Bronze, and either will increase youth members or will have at least 25 members.	Will achieve Silver, and either will increase youth members by 5% or will have at least 35 members.	50	100	200
#3	Retention: Will retain a significant percentage of youth members.	Will reregister 75% of eligible members.	Will reregister 80% of eligible members.	Will reregister 85% of eligible members.	50	100	200
#4	Webelos-to-Scout transition: Will have an effective plan to recruit Webelos Scouts into the troop.	With a pack or Webelos den, will hold two joint activities (live or virtual).	Will achieve Bronze, plus will recruit two Webelos Scouts.	Will achieve Bronze, plus will provide at least one den chief to a pack and will recruit five Webelos Scouts.	25	50	100
Program					Total Points: 900		
#5	Advancement: Will achieve a high percentage of Scouts earning rank advancements.	40% of Scouts will advance one rank during the year.	50% of Scouts will advance one rank during the year.	60% of Scouts will advance one rank during the year.	50	100	200
#6	Short-term camping: Will conduct short-term or weekend campouts throughout the year. (Alternative home-centered approaches may be used.)	Will conduct four short-term overnight campouts.	Will conduct seven short-term overnight campouts.	Will conduct nine short-term overnight campouts.	50	100	200
#7	Long-term camping: Will participate in long-term camp with a majority of troop in attendance. (includes council-offered alternatives)	Troop will participate in a long-term camp.	60% of Scouts will attend a long-term camp.	70% of Scouts will attend a long-term camp.	50	100	200
#8	Service projects: Will participate in service projects, with at least one benefiting the chartered organization. (includes home engagements serving others). Will record service hours	Will participate in three service projects and enter hours on Scoutbook/Internet Advancement.	Will participate in four service projects and enter hours on Scoutbook/Internet Advancement.	Will participate in five service projects and enter hours on the Scoutbook/Internet Advancement.	25	50	100
#9	Patrol method: Will use the patrol method to develop youth leaders. (Virtual/remote meetings are acceptable.)	The troop will have patrols, and each will have a patrol leader. There will be an SPL, if more than one patrol. The PLC will meet at least four times a year.	Will achieve Bronze, plus PLC will meet at least six times. The troop will conduct patrol leader training.	Will achieve Silver, plus PLC will meet at least ten times. At least one Scout will have attended an advanced training course, like NYLT or Order of the Arrow Conference.	50	100	200
Volunteer Leadership					Total Points: 400		
#10	Leadership and family engagement: The troop will be proactive in recruiting sufficient leaders and will communicate regularly with parents. (Virtual/remote parents' meetings are acceptable.)	Will have at least one registered assistant Scoutmaster.	Will achieve Bronze, plus the troop will hold two courts of honor, where troop plans are reviewed with parents.	Will achieve Bronze, plus troop will hold three courts of honor, where troop plans are reviewed with parents. Will recruit at least one new leader	50	100	200
#11	Trained leadership: Will have trained and engaged leaders at all levels. All leaders are required to have youth protection training. (Online/remote training is acceptable except for Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.)	Scoutmaster or an assistant Scoutmaster will have completed position-specific training.	Will achieve Bronze, plus the Scoutmaster and 60% of assistants will have completed position-specific training or, if new, will complete within three months of joining.	Will achieve Silver, plus two-thirds of active committee members will have completed position-specific training and at least one person will have attended an advanced training course involving a total of at least five days.	50	100	200

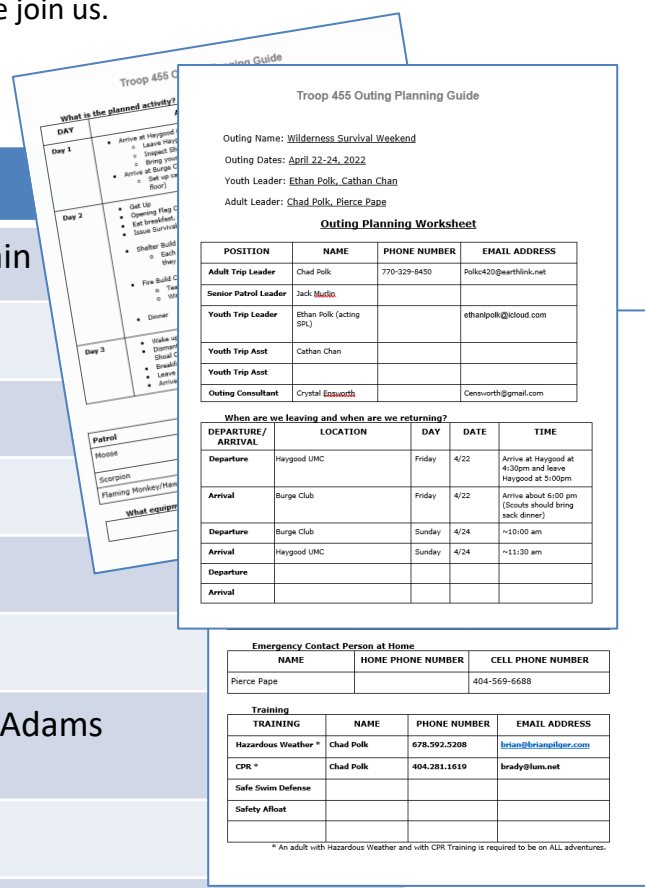


OUTINGS SUMMARY

Camping outings are what really gets remembered each Scouting year! We plan at least 9 monthly outings during the school year plus Winter Camp, Summer Camp, and at least one High Adventure trip. Outings choices are selected by the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) in consultation with Adult Leadership during the Annual Program Planning process. Careful consideration is given in ensuring that outings are accessible to all Scouts. We ensure that there is a good mix of outing adventure and programming which welcomes newer and less experienced Scouts and challenges older and more experienced Scouts.

Each outing has at least 2 Scout Leads and 2 Adult Leads and is planned using a detailed Troop 455 Outing Planning Guide template (illustrated here). Outings follow strict Scout Safety and Youth Protection protocols and are ultimately approved and supported by Troop Committee.

We are ALWAYS in need of parent volunteers for outings!!! Please join us.



Dates	Outings
Jun 2022	Summer Camp – Camp Rainey Mountain
Jul 2022	None – Day outing in Atlanta
Aug 2022	Tubing – Helen, GA
Sep 2022	Sailing – Allatoona Aquatics Base
Oct 2022	Backpacking – Location TBD
Nov 2022	Caving – Location TBD
Dec 2022	Webelos Outrageous Weekend – Bert Adams Winter Camp – Bert Adams
Jan 2023	Barrier Island Trip – Location TBD
Feb 2023	Snow Sports – North Carolina Mountains
Mar 2023	District Camporee – Bert Adams
Apr 2023	Cowboy Outing – Burge Club
May 2023	Ziplining – Location TBD
Jun 2023	Summer Camp – Woodruff Scout Camp Philmont High Adventure – Cimarron, NM
Jul 2023	National Jamboree – Bechtel Summit Reserve

TROOP MEETINGS & PROGRAM PLANS

Troop 455 meets every Tuesday from 7:30p to 9:00p. Meetings agendas are developed by the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) in consultation with the Scoutmaster and utilize the [BSA Meeting Plan template](#). These meeting agendas are aligned with monthly Program Focus that we selected during the Annual Program Planning process. Program Focus Areas are mostly aligned with Outing training needs and other priorities. We always try to build in a balance of ceremony, skill-building, and fun!

This year will be intentional with leveraging the great BSA [Program Features](#) themed modules to facilitate planning and help generate variety over the course of the year.

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	RUN BY	TIME
Preopening _ minutes before meeting			
Opening Ceremony _ minutes	Flag presentation Oath and Law Uniform inspection		
Group Instruction _ minutes	• • •		
Skills Instruction _ minutes	•		
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Breakout Groups _ minutes			
Game _ minutes			
Closing _ minutes	Announcements Leader's minute Closing		
Total 90 minutes of meeting			
After the Meeting minutes	Leadership team review plans for the next meeting and for the main event.		

Dates	Program Themes
Jun 2022	Hiking MB
Jul 2022	Hiking MB
Aug 2022	Swim Test, Citizenship in Society MB
Sep 2022	Fitness & Nutrition + Personal Fitness MB
Oct 2022	Backpacking + Cooking MB
Nov 2022	Caving + Orienteering MB
Dec 2022	First Aid
Jan 2023	Financial Management + Personal Management MB
Feb 2023	Snow Sports + Citizenship
Mar 2023	District Camporee – Bert Adams
Apr 2023	Shotgun Shooting + Horsemanship
May 2023	Music
Jun 2023	STEM + Hiking
Jul 2023	TBD + Paddle Sports

SERVICE PROJECTS

Nothing that Troop 455 can do that raises community awareness more than a service project. At Troop 455, we build our annual service calendar around four categories:

- 1. Assisting Scouting at all levels** : Because Scouting almost entirely volunteer driven and dependent, some of the easiest and best ways to give back is to support Scouting at various levels:
 - ✓ Eagle Projects: We currently have 8 Life Scouts and 5 Star Scouts just behind. So, we will have numerous opportunities for assistance with Eagle projects. *Tentative Dates: TBD by Eagle candidates in consultation with SM and PLC*
 - ✓ Pack 17: There are numerous activities over the Pack year to provide needed Scout assistance – from Pinewood Derby to weekend Cub outing adventures to AOL Crossover ceremonies. We aim to join Pack 17 along its key annual milestones journey. *Dates will be added to Troop calendar.*
- 2. Helping our Chartered Organization, Haygood UMC**: We are blessed to have the generous space and support provided by Haygood. We plan at least one opportunity to assist Haygood with one of its service activities. We also work to identify other needs and opportunities for assistance with projects on and around the Haygood campus.
 - ✓ [Rise Against Hunger](#): Rise Against Hunger is growing a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies. We join Haygood during its day in support of this initiative. *Tentative Date: September 24, 2022*
- 3. Supporting our local Community**: There are numerous opportunities to assist our local communities and surrounding neighborhoods.
 - ✓ [Scouting for Food](#): Our Atlanta Area Council invites all Scouts to participate in Scouting for Food this month to benefit the Atlanta Community food Bank and local food pantries. *Tentative Date: TBD in August or September*
- 4. Conserving our natural world**: Conservation is at the core of Scouting.
 - ✓ [Trees Atlanta](#): We aim to plan 50 trees in honor of our Troop's 50th. *Tentative Date: November 19, 2022*
 - ✓ [Recycle for Good](#): All Atlanta Council units are challenged to join Recycle for Good, with the goal of collecting 150 pounds of aluminum for recycling to help fund a Habitat for Humanity home for a family in Atlanta's Westside community. *Tentative Date: April 29, 2023*

[101 Unit Service Project Ideas](#): This is a great link to additional unit level service project ideas.

And Scout service hours count both towards their own Advancement journeys but also toward our Unit Journey to Excellence (JTE) score – five projects a year for gold. As an added incentive, we are working to achieve a [Messengers of Peace Award](#), an international Scouting initiative designed to inspire millions of Scouts and others around the globe to work toward peace.



TRAINING



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Den Chief Training| Offered at Troop level and online

One of our highest youth leadership priorities for this year is a connection between our Troop and Pack 17, specifically the Webelos I and Webelos II Dens. We will need multiple well-trained Den Chiefs to help them function in the position most effectively.

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)| Offered multiple times per year at Volunteer Service Center (VSC) and/or at Troop level

The purpose of the ILST course is to teach Scouts with leadership positions about their new roles and how to most effectively reach success in that role. It is intended to help Scouts in leadership positions within their troop understand their responsibilities and to equip them with organizational and leadership skills to fulfill those responsibilities. Completion of ILST is a prerequisite for advanced leadership courses like NYLT.

National Youth Leadership Training| Offered 4 times per year

NYLT is a week-long advanced leadership course designed to teach Scouts the tools, techniques and skills they need to be better leaders –not only in their units, but also at home, in school, and in their daily lives. Led by an exemplary, highly-trained youth staff, NYLT participants work hard and play hard together through group activities, games and adventures as they experience Scouting at its best. To attend NYLT you must meet the nationally-mandated requirements before the start of the course.

<https://www.atlantabsa.org/nylt>

ADULT LEADERSHIP

Adults can serve in any number of leadership roles in Scouting. Whether you work directly with Scouts as a Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, or Merit Badge Counselor, work in support of the Scouts as a member of the Troop Committee or role as new parent coordinator, outside activities coordinator, treasurer, fundraiser, the training journey starts with the same basic steps:

STEP ONE: SET UP A MY.Scouting ACCOUNT

Visit [My.Scouting](https://www.myscouting.org) and create an account (if you used online registration to sign up your child you may already have an account). Once you have an account you can access online training. [Instructions for establishing a My.Scouting Account.](#)

STEP TWO: TAKE YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. You **must take** Youth Protection training if you want to be a trained leader – it is available at [My.Scouting](https://www.myscouting.org) in the “BSA Learn Center”.

STEP THREE: POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING

The BSA Learn Center is at [My.Scouting](https://www.myscouting.org). Select your program and position and a learning plan will be created for you. The plan includes modules that are designed to allow you to complete them at your own pace.

Supplemental & Advanced Training Options

There are numerous opportunities for specialized training in area such as Shooting Sports, Aquatics, Climbing, Wilderness First Aid, and so many more. We also encourage adults who wish to make a deeper commitment to Scouting to attend the signature Wood Badge course.

ADVANCEMENT & AWARDS

Whether it's a rank advancement, merit badge or one of the many other individual awards, there's plenty for our Scouts to set their sights on -- more than 150 awards in total. Advancement and Award work is led by individual Scouts but administered and approved by adult leadership -- usually some combination of Scoutmaster, Unit Advancement Chair, or Merit Badge Counselor.

RANK ADVANCEMENT

We encourage our Scouts to advance at least one rank each Scout year while reinforcing that Scouting is not a race. Our outings and Troop meetings are built to help Scouts grow skills and interests. We also support our Scouts with the addition of Rank Coaches, drawn from within our Scoutmaster Corps of Assistant Scoutmasters who work directly with our Scouts weekly.

- Scout to First Class Coach:
- First Class to Life Coach
- Life to Eagle Coach

Scoutmaster Conferences (SMC) | Conducted at Troop Meetings

Scoutmaster Conferences are required as part of the final stage before earning a rank, from Scout to Eagle. Once a Scout believes he is ready for rank advancement he should confirm with the Advancement Chair that all requirements have been met, then request a SM Conference with the Scoutmaster. Usually, these SMC's can be accommodated during Troop meetings.

Boards of Review | Twice per month at Troop Meetings

The board of review is a chance for adults to talk with the Scout about what he's done, what he's learned, how has it helped him in his advancement and how he's enjoying the program. It's an essential part of the Boy Scouting experience, and it's required for every rank from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout. There are 3-6 Troop Committee members or other Adults (non-SMC) who sit on the BOR's. We aim to host BOR's twice per month, running parallel to Troop meetings.

MERIT BADGES & AWARDS

There is a merit badge for every interest and there are numerous opportunities to earn merit badges

- Summer Camp: Attending Camp is honestly the best way to explore and earn merit badges.
- Troop Meetings and Programs: We have committed to offer several different MBs during the year as part of our regular Program calendar. These are usually held as part of our weekly Troop meetings. Some MB may require an additional dedicated session.
- [Merit Badge Summits](#): Quality programs hosted at Council and sometimes Unit level that offer Scouts a range of both Eagle-required and elective Merit Badge options with experienced counselors.
- [Aquatics Merit Badge Days](#): Allatoona Aquatics Base offers Several Aquatic-themed Merit Badge courses every Saturday throughout the summer and early fall.
- [Special Merit Badge Days](#): Atlanta Area Council partners with local businesses to bring Scouts special Merit Badge Day opportunities with real professionals -- e.g. Aviation, Construction, or Automotive Maintenance.
- Online Classes: One of the residual effects of the pandemic have been the advent of virtual learning. There are numerous MB classes held during the year -- we post a resource guide to these on our Troop website.

COURTS OF HONOR | Hosted 4 Times per Year (Sep, Dec, Mar, May)

Recognition and celebration are critical components to the Scouting journey. We host four COH each Scout year. These are led by the PLC with a Scout Emcee. All Scouts, families, and friends are invited.



FUNDRAISING & SCOUTING SUPPORT

Scouting is one of the most affordable programs for families to take part in. Through Popcorn and Camp Card sales, the Atlanta Area Council offers Scouts the opportunity to earn their way in Scouting while gaining confidence, learning salesmanship and attaining a sense of accomplishment. As a Troop, we are raising funds to support the purchase of a Troop trailer, upgraded Troop camping equipment, and the ability of any Scout to join Summer Camp and High Adventure trips next Summer.

Popcorn Sales| Sep – Oct 2022

Every Scout should learn the value of hard work and earning their own way. Over 70% of the popcorn sale supports our Troop! The Atlanta Area Council does all the pre-work to set up the sale making it easy for us to get started. The popcorn sale also helps the council raise money for summer camps, offer more extensive training for our volunteers and create exciting programs for your Scouts.

AtlantaBSA.org/Popcorn

TBD Curb Stencil Painting and/or Mistletoe Sales| Nov - Dec 2022

We are exploring an additional Fall Fundraising activity. One idea is to sell painted curb-stenciled house numbers throughout the neighborhood. A common problem in older neighborhoods like ours is the fact that the Fire Department has difficulty locating house numbers to be able to respond effectively during emergencies. Typically, Pack 17 sells Mistletoe around the Holidays. We are coordinating with them to either do that jointly or separately or not at all this year.

Friends of Scouting Campaign| Feb 2023

Friends of Scouting is the annual campaign where the Atlanta Area Council asks Scouting families, businesses and civic-minded citizens to support Scouting. Whereas annual dues cover national BSA and unit activities, Friends of Scouting directly support our Atlanta Council with The Friends of Scouting campaign helps the Atlanta Area Council pay for: serving youth in at-risk areas; Camp scholarships to Scouts needing assistance; training thousands of adult volunteer leaders; maintaining and staffing the council's three camping properties; and developing communication to better support Unit programs.

Camp Card Sales| Mar - Apr 2023

Camp Cards are an excellent way for Scouts to earn their way to camp. These cards, created in partnership with local and national businesses, offer discounts. Cards are sold by Scouts to members of their community. Profits from these cards are split evenly between the council and the individual Scout. The funds a Scout earns can be used towards Summer Camp or other Scouting activities. Units participating in this program will earn 50% commission for each now \$10 Camp Card they sell. The sale begins in February and ends in April. This program is **RISK FREE**; Units can simply return any unsold cards at settlement at the end of the sale.

AtlantaBSA.org/CampCards



SUPPORTING PACK 17 & MEMBERSHIP

We acknowledge that neither Scouting nor Troop 455 sell themselves. We must create a welcoming environment and be intentional about reaching out within our community for new Scouts and Families. We are fortunate to have a natural pipeline through our younger brother Pack 17 also chartered at Haygood UMC. Pack 17 is one of the largest and most engaged Pack of Cub Scouts in the entire Atlanta Council. This year there are 152 registered Pack Cubs and another 26 adult leaders! This coming year there are two strong Webelos (AOL) Dens of nearly 30 Cubs We intentionally pair Troop 455 Den Chiefs with these AOL Dens in Pack 17 to build connections and relationships. Leaders from Troop 455 and Pack have coordinated our Annual Program Calendars to ensure that we are able to enjoy and support each other and our neighborhoods!



Pack 17 Cubmaster: **Sarah Caughron**
 Pack 17 Committee Chair: ?
 Webelos (AOL) Den 6 Leader: **Eric Schrock**
 Webelos (AOL) Den 7 Leader: **Matt Anthony**

Dates	Troop 455 & Pack 17 Joing Activities
Aug TBD	Introduction of Den Chiefs at initial Pack/Den Meetings
Sep 17-18, 2022	Pack Campout Support
Sep 25, 2022	Service Project: Rise against Hunger with Haygood UMC
Nov 19, 2022	Service Project: Trees Atlanta
Dec 3-4, 2022	Webelos Outrageous Weekend at Bert Adams
Dec 10, 2022	VaHi Winterfest Parade
Feb 11-12, 2023	Scout Weekend (Pine Car Derby, Cookout, Scout Sunday)
Mar 14, 2023	Webelos (AOL) Dens visit Troop 455 Meeting with Parents
Mar 24-25, 2023	Pack 17 Spring Campout
March 30, 2023	Pack 17 Arrow of Light Crossover Ceremony
Jun 4-10, 2023	Troop 455 Summer Camp at Woodruff Scout Camp

50th Year Anniversary Celebrations



2022-23 marks a huge milestone for Troop 455 – our 50th Anniversary!!!

Over the course of our program year, we will undertake many different activities and host different events to celebrate this rich milestone.

With the approval of the Troop Committee, we are establishing a 50th Anniversary Task Force to help brainstorm ideas, then plan and ultimately help implement a series of events and activities.

To kickoff the back-to-Troop time in August, each Scout will receive a brand-new Troop emblem patch (shown above) reflecting our 50 years.

Some other ideas might include:

- Wall of Honor celebrating Troop 455 Eagle Scouts and key leaders
- Collection of photos to create digital archive of great outings and memories
- Journal of remembrances from founders, former leaders and former Scouts
- Celebratory event inviting former troop members and leaders
- Mission 50 for 455 – Try to get as many Scouts as possible set goals for the year and have special awards
 - ❖ 50 miles hiking over the course of the year
 - ❖ 50-miler – see how many Scouts can earn the 50-miler award
 - ❖ 455 hours of collective service
 - ❖ 50 camping nights in Scouting (e.g. Troop, OA, Camp, High Adventure, Training, Council)
 - ❖ 50 scouts advancing in rank
 - ❖ 50 Trees planted in our community
 - ❖ 455 merit badges/awards achieved

If you are interested in helping with any of these 50th Anniversaries celebrations, please reach out to Chad Polk, Troop Committee Chair





JUNE

HIGHLIGHTS & THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Summer Camp!
- Plan for Fall Recruiting
- Fall Outing Planning

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3	4 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)
		NYLT #1 (BASC)				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Summer Camp – Camp Rainey Mountain					
NYLT #1	NYLT #2 (BASC)					Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Father's Day	Fall Program Planning					Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)
26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2

June 2022 Troop Events:

Summer Camp, Camp Rainey Mountain | June 5 - 11

Summer Camp is one of the most important and best events of the year. It is an opportunity for fun, advancement, and outdoor adventure for new and older Scouts alike. There is something for everyone at camp! We are looking forward to a fantastic 2022 Summer Camp at Camp Rainey Mountain located in the cool north Georgia Mountains.

<https://www.nega-bsa.org/campmaineymountain>

Fall Program Planning | June 20

Now, that the overall structure of the Scout year is mapped out, there remains the detailed operational planning to make sure that events happen seamlessly, without last minute stress, and with good Scout and adult input and leadership. Getting early reservations for campsites and confirming programs has become a requirement from the pandemic – everyone wants to be outside, and so do we! This will be an informal gathering of incoming and outgoing SPL, Key 3 Leaders, Troop Committee and Scoutmaster Corps.

June Program & Planning Items:

Hiking Merit Badge & Challenge

Any Scout is welcome to join our Summer Hiking challenge. We are going to organize several informal 5, 10, 15-mile, even one 20-mile hike over the Summer months to match the MB requirements. Most of these will be in or near the Atlanta area – some during the week and some on the weekends.

<https://www.boyscouttrail.com/boy-scouts/meritbadges/hiking.asp>

Fall Recruiting & Family Welcome Planning

June is the time to plan for Back to School (or “fall”) recruiting, promote our plan to current and prospective families, identify (and train) leaders, and connect with our school and communities before Summer breaks. We will update our troop reference materials and new family orientation presentations.

AtlantaBSA.org/RecruitingResources

Other Opportunities:

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

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<https://www.atlantabsa.org/nylt>

Allatoona Aquatics Base Merit Badge Classes | Summer – Early Fall

Just north of Atlanta, on Lake Allatoona in Woodstock, Allatoona Aquatics Base offers Merit Badge courses through the summer and early fall. Scouts should review the Merit Badge Pamphlet for each badge before attending. Scouts may only participate in one Merit Badge per day. Most merit badge sessions run from 8AM to 5PM.

<https://www.atlantabsa.org/caabmb>



JULY

HIGHLIGHTS & THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Prepare August Welcome back activities
- Final preparations for August outing
- Sign up for 2023 Summer Camp

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)
10 Scout Day at Atlanta Motor Speedway	11	12	13	14	15	16 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)
31	Aug 1	2	3	4	5	6

July 2022 Troop Events:

TBD Fun, Easy Day Outing | July TBD

We are working to schedule an easy opportunity for Scouts to gather and stay in touch over the Summer. It may be a pool gathering, Bar-B-Que, or sports outing. More details TBD

June Program & Planning Items:

Hiking Merit Badge & Challenge (cont.)

Any Scout is welcome to join our Summer Hiking challenge. We are going to organize a number of informal 5, 10, 15-mile, even one 20-mile hike over the Summer months. Most of these will be in or near the Atlanta area – some during the week and some on the weekends. If you are interested in joining the “Team” for any or all of this challenge, please reach out to Brady Lum, Assistant Scoutmaster, at brady@lum.net. Hopefully, by the end of the Summer, we will have completed the Merit Badge and nearly 75 miles of hiking!

<https://www.boyscouttrail.com/boy-scouts/meritbadges/hiking.asp>.

Other Opportunities:

Allatoona Aquatics Base Merit Badge Classes | Summer – Early Fall

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AUGUST

HIGHLIGHTS & THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Kickoff to Scout Year
- Swim Tests & Tubing Outing
- Welcoming New Scouts & Parent Orientation

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jul 31	Aug 1	2 PLC Meeting	3	4	5	6 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona) Scout Day at Atlanta United
7 Cit in Society MB Session 1	8 Troop Committee	9 First Troop Meeting	10	11	12	13 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)
14 Cit in Society MB Session 2 Swim Tests	15	16 Troop Meeting & Parent Orientation	17	18	19	20 Shooting Sports MB Completion Day (WSC)
21 Zach Strange Eagle Ceremony	22	23 Troop Meeting & Parent Orientation	24	25	26 Tubing Outing OA Induction BASC	27
28 Tubing (cont) OA Induction	29	30 Troop Meeting	31	Sep 1	2	3

AUGUST 2022 Troop Events:

First Patrol Leader's Council (PLC) Meeting | August 2

The PLC is made up of the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Patrol Leaders, Troop Scribe, and other appointed Scout Positions of Responsibility. This month meeting is the place to plan the upcoming months Troop meetings and finalize any outing plans and/or assignments. All Scouts are welcome.

Service Project: Troop and Pack Gear Room Clean-Up | August 6, 9:30am

Troop 455 and Pack 17 are connecting on this day to do some cleaning and inventory work for our various gear. All Scouts, Adult Leaders and Parents are welcome..

Scout Day at Atlanta United | August 6, 3:00pm

Cheer on the Atlanta United at Mercedes Benz Stadium. Watch as they take on the Seattle Sounders, Saturday, August 6 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium! Tickets for the event start at \$23 with a portion of each ticket sold going back to Atlanta area Scouting. Use discount code ATL22.

[AtlantaBSA.org/ScoutDays](https://atlantabsa.org/ScoutDays)

Swim Test | August 14-15

All Scouts are designated as swimmers, beginners, or non-swimmers based on swimming ability confirmed by standardized BSA swim classification tests. These classifications help determine what each Scout may or may not be allowed to participated in during the year and must be renewed annually.

New Family Orientation & Parent Sign-Up | August 16 & 23

We will also ensure that all the new families who come to explore and/or join our Troop have the most welcoming experience as well as a thorough orientation to Scouting and Troop 455. An important part of that orientation will be presenting all the opportunities, needs, and expectations for parent involvement in the Troop at levels.

Tubing Outing | August 26-28

Participate in one of Troop 455's most popular outings of the year. We head up to Helen, GA on Friday afternoon and camp in Unicoi State Park. On Saturday, we enjoy a fun mix of Tubing at the Helen Water Park plus tubing down the Chattahoochee River. In addition to some easy fun, we will provide some basic training to all new Scouts to ensure that achieve **Scout Rank** and receive the **Totin' Chit and Fireman Chit** which will provide new Scouts the necessary training to safely use knives and start fires at outings.



Troop Program & Planning Items:

Program Focus – Citizenship in Society MB (New Eagle Required!): Aug 7 & 14

The first new merit badge for youth in the Scouts BSA program since 2017 officially launched in 2022 and is also now an Eagle required MB for any Scout not completing Eagle rank by July 1, 2022. Citizenship in Society provides Scouts with opportunities to learn more about our world by encouraging them to explore information on diversity, equity, inclusion and ethical leadership — and to learn why these qualities are important in society and in Scouting.

Scout Recruiting

We were shut out of schools and other recruiting opportunities during the pandemic, but now those opportunities are before us. We will engage in some active recruiting efforts at several nearby schools and churches.

Other Opportunities:

Shooting Sports Merit Badge Completion Day | August 20

This is not a class for Scouts just starting the Merit Badge. This is to complete requirements not completed during summer camp. All equipment is provided, and participants and instructors cannot bring their own guns/bows.

<https://www.atlantabsa.org/shootingdays>



SEPTEMBER

HIGHLIGHTS & THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Sailing Outing
- Court of Honor #1
- Personal Fitness Challenge Kickoff

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6 PLC Meeting	7	8	9 OA Fall Fellowship WSC	10 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)
11	12 Troop Committee	13 Troop Meeting	14	15	16 Sailing Outing	17
18 Sailing Outing	19	20 Troop Court of Honor	21	22	23	24 Univ of Scouting
25 Service: Rise Against Hunger Rosh Hashanah (Sundown to Sundown)	26	27 Troop Meeting	28	29	30 OA Trailblazer BASC	Oct 1

SEPTEMBER 2022 Troop Events:

Sailing Outing | September 16-18

Scouts added a fun new outing this year. We will go and camp at the Atlanta Council's Lake Allatoona Aquatics Base. During the Summer, this camp offers many weekend Aquatics MB opportunities. During the rest of the year, it is open to Troops for camping and to take advantage of the aquatics equipment they already have on site – such as sailboats!

<https://www.allatoonaaquaticsbase.org/>

Court of Honor | September 20

Courts of Honor are gatherings for Scouts, families, and guests where the troop and troop members are recognized for what's been accomplished and achieved. They are presented in a manner appropriate for a special occasion and can feature a variety of impressive ceremonies.

<https://troopresources.scouting.org/troop-courts-of-honor/>

Service Project: Rise Against Hunger | September 25 (10:00a – 1:30p)

Rise Against Hunger is growing a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies. We join Haygood during its day in support of this initiative. Tentative Date: Sep 24

Troop Program & Planning Items:

Merit Badge Focus – Personal Fitness & Fitness Challenge!



We are going to set a fall fitness challenge for the entire Troop and any families who would like participate. Personal Fitness is one of those MB's which requires 90-days of fitness goals and tracking. It can often be a lonely endeavor. So, we are going to add some fun and accountability into the mix – and of course some prizes!

Popcorn Fundraising Launch

Over 70% of the popcorn sale supports our Troop! The Atlanta Area Council does all the pre-work to set up the sale making it easy for us to get started. The popcorn sale also helps the council raise money for summer camps, offer more extensive training for our volunteers and create exciting programs for our Scouts.

<https://www.atlantabsa.org/popcorn>

Other Opportunities:

Trailblazer Adventure Weekend | September 30 – October 2

Trailblazer Adventure Camp is a weekend full of fun for Cub Scouts and their families this Fall at Bert Adams. The members of the Order of the Arrow invite you to attend an exciting and fun-filled weekend including BBs, archery, games and more. Learn Native American History and join us in the dance ring.

<https://www.campbertadams.org/trailblazer>

University of Scouting | September 24

University of Scouting is an opportunity offered once each year for adult leaders of all program areas to come together for a day of fun, fellowship and learning. Whether you are a new leader or experienced; a Commissioner or Den Leader, a Scoutmaster or Cubmaster, Committee Member, or an interested parent there is something for you at the University of Scouting! AtlantaBSA.org/University. Download our [2022 UoS Class Grid](#) to see the full list of courses available.



OCTOBER

HIGHLIGHTS & THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Backpacking Outing
- Register for Winter Camp
- Advancement

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1 IOLS Training
2 IOLS Training	3 PLC Meeting	4 Yom Kippur (Sundown to Sundown)	5	6	7	8 IOLS Training
9 IOLS Training	APS Fall Break					15
16	17 Troop Committee	18 Troop Meeting	19	20	21 Backpacking Outing	22
23 Backpacking	24	25 Troop Meeting	26	27	28	29 Merti Badge Summit (VSC)
30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4	5

OCTOBER 2022 Troop Events:

Note Date Change: Patrol Leader's Council (PLC) Meeting | October 3

Normally, the PLC takes place on the first Tuesday of each month. We have rescheduled it to Monday, October 3, so as to not conflict with Yom Kippur observances.

Backpacking Outing | October 21-23

October is the perfect month to enjoy the outdoors and the classic Scout outing - backpacking! Location TBD. We will select a location and a plan that provides opportunities for newer and less experienced scouts and older experienced Scouts alike. We do this by selecting a central camping spot that is more easily accessible and then providing a series of easier and more challenging hikes from that central spot.



Troop Program & Planning Items:

Program Focus – Cooking MB & Challenge

Cooking is an essentially skill in life and in Scouting. We are going to dedicate time during our troop meetings to learn many of the basic skills. We will also have an opportunity to learn from from resident and outside experts on the food industry, safe practices, and opportunities. And of course, we will challenge ourselves to learn how to plan and cook in a variety of settings – with Dutch ovens, trail cooking, and even glamping.

<https://www.boyscouttrail.com/boy-scouts/meritbadges/cooking-merit-badge.asp>

Popcorn Fundraising (cont.)

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Other Opportunities: Adult Training

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training | October 1-2 or 8-9

This training is for Scouts BSA Adult Leaders. Working as patrols, this hands-on course provides adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. Upon completion, leaders should feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank. Along with Scoutmaster Specifics, this course is required of all direct contact leaders registered in Scout Troops in order to be considered “trained”.

<https://www.atlantabsa.org/iols>





NOVEMBER

HIGHLIGHTS & THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Caving Outing
- Schedule Scout Sabbath and Scout Sundays
- Select Webelos-to-Scout Transition Chairs

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 30	31	Nov 1 PLC Meeting	2	3	4 OA Induction BASC	5
6 OA Induction	7 Troop Committee	8 Troop Meeting	9	10	11 Caving Outing Conservation Weekend (WSC)	12
13 Caving Conservation	14	15 Troop Meeting	16	17	18	19 Service: Trees Atlanta NYLT #3
20 NYLT #3	Thanksgiving Break (No Meetings)					26
27	28	29 Troop Meeting	30	Dec 1	2	3

NOVEMBER 2022 Troop Events:

Caving Outing | November 11-13

Location TBD. We are blessed to have one of the largest cave systems in the nation right in the GA, AL, TN corridor. We are working with experience caving experts accredited by Atlanta Council who will work with us to customize our caving high adventure. All trips are customized to your wants and skill level and are scheduled on an individual basis.

<https://www.atlantabsa.org/caving>

Trees Atlanta | November 19

As part of Troop 455's 50th Anniversary, we have committed to plant 50 trees in our community. We will be partnering with Trees Atlanta. We aim for this project to be a collaboration between Troop 455 and Pack 17. Tentative Date is Saturday, November 19. Location: TBD.

[Trees Atlanta](#)

Troop Program & Planning Items:

Program Focus – Orienteering MB & Challenge

One of the classic skills of Scouting is Orienteering. It is one of the critical requirements for First Class rank and has a dedicated Merit Badge. Orienteering, however, is not a one-and-done activity. It is a life skill that needs to be refreshed. We will host a variety of opportunities to earn requirements for the merit badge and/or simply challenge yourself with new and more advanced skills.

Internet Charter Renewal

Every Scouting unit must recharter with the Boy Scouts of America annually. The charter renewal is done online in order to simplify and expedite this process. The online process will be available on October 1st but is typically done at Troop 455 in November. This is a process which is led by the Chartered Organizational Representative and our Troop Committee Chair. [AtlantaBSA.org/Charter-Renewal](https://atlantabsa.org/charter-renewal)

Other Opportunities:

Conservation Weekend 2021 | November 11-13

Conservation and the Boy Scouts of America have been partners for a long time. Camping, hiking, and respect for the outdoors are a part of the Scouting heritage. Many of the requirements for advancement from Tenderfoot through Eagle Scout rank call for an increasing awareness and understanding of the natural sciences. Offering 18 Merit Badges at the Conservation Weekend, Scouts will have the opportunity to enroll in up to three (3) merit badges from our dynamic instructors! [CampWoodruff.org/Conservation](https://campwoodruff.org/conservation)

NYLT

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DECEMBER

HIGHLIGHTS & THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Webelos Outrageous Weekend Outing
- Troop Elections & Court of Honor
- Winter Camp

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2	3 Webelos Outrageous Weekend NYLT #3
4 Webelos Outrageous Weekend NYLT #3	5	6 Troop Elections	7	8	9 Golden Eagle Luncheon	10
11	12 Troop Committee	13 Troop Court of Honor	14	15	16	17
18	Holiday Break (No Meetings)					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Winter Camp – Bert Adams				
		NYLT #4 (BASC)				
	Holiday Break (No Meetings)					

DECEMBER 2022 Troop Events:

Webelos Outrageous Weekend | December 3-4

Troops in the Phoenix District will have the chance to send either a select patrol or the entire troop to Bert Adams to represent their troops to Cub Scouts from all over the district. Designed to be a fun weekend for Webelos & Scouts alike, this weekend will give Webelos & Arrows of Light the opportunity to experience how the patrol method works and see different troops in action. This is an important event to make sure that as many Cub Scouts as possible want to make the transition to Scouts BSA – and come to Troop 455!

Golden Eagle Luncheon | December 9

Troop 455 will host a table, joining more than 1,600 of Scouting's donors and the Atlanta Area's top community leaders as we celebrate Scouting's 2022 successes, and pledge to support its future in Metro-Atlanta. We will encourage Troop 455 to help support and/or encourage others to join. [AtlantaBSA.org/Golden-Eagle](https://atlantabsa.org/golden-eagle)

Troop Elections | December 6

Scout Positions of Responsibility (POR) serve for six-month terms, Jan 1 – Jun 30 and July 1 – Dec 31. Twice per program year, Elections are held for the positions of Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and Patrol Leaders. The SPL is elected from all unit Scouts present. Patrol Leaders are elected from within their respective Patrol.

Court of Honor | December 13

Courts of Honor are gatherings for Scouts, families, and guests where the troop and troop members are recognized for what's been accomplished and achieved. They are presented in a manner appropriate for a special occasion and can feature a variety of impressive ceremonies. <https://troopresources.scouting.org/troop-courts-of-honor/>

Winter Camp | December 27-31

Winter Camp is held the last week of each year at Bert Adams. This is a wonderful opportunity for Troops and Scouts to finish out the year earning some additional advancement while getting a chance to experience cold weather camping. [CampBertAdams.org/WinterCamp](https://campbertadams.org/wintercamp)

Troop Program & Planning Items:

Program Focus – First Aid & Scout Skills

Since it is the end of the semester and a busy holiday season, we plan to keep December light, fun and celebratory. We will focus on any outstanding scout skills needed for basic advancement along with any additional skills the PLC identifies to focus on. It is also a month to provide support and leadership to Pack 17 Webelos/AOLS through our joint Webelos Outrageous Weekend at BASC.

Other Opportunities:

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JANUARY

HIGHLIGHTS & THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Barrier Island Outing
- Complete Journey to Excellence scorecard
- Sign up for Camp Cards

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 1, 23	2	3 PLC Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9 Troop Committee	10 Troop Meeting	11	12	13 Island Outing	14
15 Island Outing	16	17 Troop Meeting	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Troop Meeting	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Troop Meeting	Feb 1	2	3	4

JANUARY 2023 Troop Events:

Island Outing|January 13-16

It has been a long tradition of Troop 455 to go to one of Georgia's beautiful and historic barrier islands during the long weekend around MLK holiday. This year we will go either to Cumberland or Ossabaw Island. This outing is usually one of the Scouts highlights of the year.

Troop Program & Planning Items:

Program Focus: Personal Management MB & Challenge

The start of a new calendar year is a great time to set goals, get organized, and basically learn more skills around personal and financial management. We will use the month to launch some training and opportunities to achieve the Personal Management MB – a process that will require tracking various projects over the course of several months. So, this will be a test in patience and accountability as we learn to support each other with some long-term planning and tracking.

Journey to Excellence

Journey to Excellence is the Boy Scouts of America program to help Packs, Troops, Crews, Ships and Posts to plan, monitor and evaluate their performance and their ability to serve youth. There are specific criteria for the unit to plan and accomplish. These standards are reviewed each year and revised standards are published. JTE Scorecards are done on a calendar year basis. January is the perfect month to begin to summarize our great accomplishments.

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/>

Friends of Scouting Presentation

Friends of Scouting is the annual fundraising campaign in which volunteers visit all Scouting Units during a special meeting. Presenters make a short presentation to the parents and adult leaders of the Unit explaining how the Scouting program is funded and why financial support is needed to maintain and expand the quality programs and camping facilities of the Atlanta Area Council.

[AtlantaBSA.org/FOS](https://atlantabsa.org/FOS)

Other Opportunities:

TBD

TBD





2023

FEBRUARY

HIGHLIGHTS & THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Reserve your spot for Cub Scout Overnight Camp
- Order of the Arrow Elections
- Plan Webelos Crossover

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4
5	6	7 PLC Meeting	8	9	10	11
12 Scout Sunday	13 Troop Committee	14 Troop Meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Troop Meeting	22	23	24	25
APS Winter Break						
26 Ski Outing	27	28 Troop Meeting & OA Elections	Mar 1	2	3	4

FEBRUARY 2023 Troop Events:

Scout Sunday Celebration | February 12

All Scout Units are urged to participate in the religious service of their Chartered Organization. We attend this celebration along with Pack 17 in uniform, do a flag ceremony, speak about Scouting, present religious awards and/or formally thank Haygood UMC for their support throughout the year. We are considering an optional campout and cookout on the Haygood grounds the night before as another way to engage easily with our Scout families. On Sunday, there is an opportunity to host a pancake breakfast as a potential fundraiser for our Troop. AtlantaBSA.org/DutyToGod

Ski Outing | February 24-26

We are planning to hit one of the North Carolina ski resorts during prime ski season. The Cataloochee Ski Area in Maggie Valley, NC is one of the resorts which has traditionally hosted a special Scout weekend or program. Whether it is there or another option, it should be great fun for all.

Order of the Arrow Elections

The Order of the Arrow(OA) is Scouting's National Honor Society recognizing Scouts and adults who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law. Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews and Sea Scout Ships with eligible youth members are encouraged to schedule a Unit election. Units can hold a Unit election once each calendar year between January and March in the current year. Units wanting to participate in a district call-out ceremony at a Camporee or other venue should schedule the Unit election at least two weeks prior to the call-out event. Elected youth and selected adults will be inducted into the OA at a Lodge Induction Weekend.

AACEGWA.org/Unit-Election-Information

Troop Program & Planning Items:

Program Focus: Citizenship

Good citizenship knowledge and practices show up at every rank level. In fact, it is so important that there are four Eagle-required merit badges focusing on the many dimensions of Citizenship. We will use the month of February to bring in some parent and other community voices on the various aspects of citizenship at the community, nation, world, and society level. We will also host a Merit Badge day or days in February for those who would like to pursue completion of any of the MB's.

Summer Camp Launch & Sign-Ups

Our Summer Camp plans have been on the books all year – good for those who plan early – and there are many of us! We are planning to go to Woodruff Scout Camp this year. February is a great month to share specifics and the registration process.

Council Camp Card Sale Sign-Ups

Camp Card Kick Off events will be held in February. Make sure that you are signed up to sell. Camp Cards are a great way for Scouts to earn the money they need for Summer Camp and High Adventure Activities. It's easy, fun and rewarding!

AtlantaBSA.org/CampCards

Other Opportunities:

TBD | TBD

TBD





2023

MARCH

HIGHLIGHTS & THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Phoenix District Camporee
- Council Program Kickoff
- Arrow of Light Crossover Ceremony

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4
5	6	7 PLC Meeting	8	9	10	11
Private School Spring Break						
12 Philmont Training	13 Troop Committee	14 Troop Meeting	15	16	17	18 Phoenix District Camporee
19 Camporee	20	21 Troop Meeting	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Troop Meeting	29	30 Pack 17 AOL Crossover	31	Apr 1

MARCH 2023 Troop Events:

Phoenix District Camporee Outing | March 17-19

We will participate in our Phoenix District's annual Camporee along with dozens of other Troops. Scouts will have the opportunity to work on a Merit Badge of their choice Saturday morning, and then will put their skills to the test as each troop works together to survive the Zombie Run in the afternoon. The competition will test the troop's teamwork, skills and preparedness, as each troop strives to escape with the most survivors & best performance in each area.

Philmont High Adventure Training Outing | March 10-12

Philmont High Adventure trip happens in June 2023, but there is a lot of preparation and training which needs to take place ahead of the 12-day trek. This outing will be primarily for those Scouts and Adults attending the Philmont Trip but it may be open to others, space permitting.

Troop Meeting/AOL & Parent Orientation | March 14

One of the requirements for Arrow of Light is to visit a Troop and witness the Patrol method in action. We have worked with Pack 17 and the AOL Dens to dedicate an evening to welcome visiting AOLs Dens and show them how the Troop operates. On the same evening, we will gather the AOL parents separately to share an overview of Troop 455 and help demystify Scouting.

<https://troopresources.scouting.org/troop-courts-of-honor/>

Court of Honor | March 21

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AOL Crossover Ceremony | March 30

One of the goals of the Fifth Grade Arrow of Light advancement program is to prepare Scouts for their transition into Scouts BSA. We will work together with Pack 17 at Haygood UMC to ensure that every Arrow of Light Scout has the opportunity to join a troop. While Webelos dens should visit one or more troops as a group, the selection of a troop is up to the individual Scout and their family. Every troop has a different "personality" and is different in the type of activities scheduled. Scouts are encouraged to join a troop in early spring, allowing them to experience several Troop campouts prior to attending summer camp. We, of course, want them to join Troop 455!

Troop Program & Planning Items:

Program Focus: TBD

TBD

Other Opportunities:

TBD | Date TBD

TBD.



APRIL

HIGHLIGHTS & THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Cowboy Outing – Shotgun Shooting + Horseback Riding
- Annual Program Planning
- Sign up for Cub Scout Days and Twilight Camps

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 26	27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1
2	3	4 PLC Meeting	5	6	7	8 Council Program Planning Kickoff
APS Spring Break						
Passover						
9 Easter	10 Troop Committee	11 Troop Meeting	12	13	14	15 Open Shoot BASC
Passover						
16	17	18 Troop Meeting	19	20	21	22 Cowboy Outing
23 Cowboy Outing	24	25 Troop Meeting	26	27	28	29
30 Troop Planning Retreat	May 1	2	3	4	5	6

APRIL 2023 Troop Events:

Cowboy Outing (Shooting & Horseback Riding) | April 21-23

What happens when you try to make sure that you can host one of the most popular outings of the year and want to try something new – horseback riding. Well, it becomes a creative outing mashup we are calling Cowboy outing because we are doing both. This outing will be held at Burge Farms in Mansfield, GA where we have held several other outings. Half of the group learn how to properly horseback ride while the other half will learn proper shotgun shooting at a skeet range. Then the two groups will swap.

Service Project: Recycle for Good | April 29

All Atlanta Council units are challenged to join Recycle for Good, with the goal of collecting 150 pounds of aluminum for recycling to help fund a Habitat for Humanity home for a family in Atlanta's Westside community. *Tentative Date: April TBD.*

[Recycle for Good](#)

Annual Program Planning Retreat | April 30

Once a year the PLC and Adult Leadership convene for an extended planning discussion to lay out goals, outings, and other key calendar dates of the upcoming Scout year of 2023-24.

Troop Program & Planning Items:

Program Focus: Shotgun Shooting and Horsemanship

With the Cowboy outing in mind, we will dedicate Troop meeting time to planning and preparation and review many of the requirements for the both the Shotgun Shooting and Horsemanship merit badges.

Council Program Kick Off | April 8

Get the Council Annual Calendar and Program Planning Guide and learn from experienced leaders how to put the magic in your Scouting program. This is the first step to planning your 2023-2024 Scouting year.

AtlantaBSA.org/Program-Planning

Other Opportunities:

Open Shoot | May 15

TBD



MAY

HIGHLIGHTS & THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Final Court of Honor
- Finalize Summer Camp plans
- Complete Fall Leadership Succession plan

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 30	May 1	2 PLC Meeting	3	4	5 OA Induction	6
7 OA Induction	8 Troop Committee	9 Troop Elections	10	11	12	13 Ziplining Outing
14 Mother's Day	15	16 Troop Court of Honor	17	18	19 Philmont Training Outing	20
21 Philmont Training	22	23 Final Troop Meeting	24	25	26 APS Last Day School	27
28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3

MAY 2023 Troop Events:

Troop Elections | May 9

Scout Positions of Responsibility (POR) serve for six-month terms, Jan 1 – Jun 30 and July 1 – Dec 31. Twice per program year, Elections are held for the positions of Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and Patrol Leaders. The SPL is elected from all unit Scouts present. Patrol Leaders are elected from within their respective Patrol.

Ziplining Outing | May 13

May is a very busy month at the end of the school year. We plan to offer a fun day outing to go Ziplining as a Troop. There are several very good courses in easy driving distance, making an easy day trip.

Final Court of Honor | May 16

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Philmont High Adventure Training Outing | May 19-21

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Troop Program & Planning Items:

Program Focus: TBD

TBD

Other Opportunities:

Order of the Arrow Spring Induction Weekend | May 5-7

The induction weekend is the first step toward full membership in the Order of the Arrow(OA). During this weekend experience elected youth and selected adults learn about the customs and traditions of the OA and undertake a journey to discover the true meaning of leadership, service and the Brotherhood of Scouting.

AACEGWA.org/Candidates

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) | Dates TBD

NYLT is a week-long advanced leadership course designed to teach Scouts the tools, techniques and skills they need to be better leaders –not only in their units, but also at home, in school, and in their daily lives. Led by an exemplary, highly-trained youth staff, NYLT participants work hard and play hard together through group activities, games and adventures as they experience Scouting at its best. To attend NYLT you must meet the nationally-mandated requirements before the start of the course. <https://www.atlantabsa.org/nylt>



JUNE

HIGHLIGHTS & THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Summer Camp
- Philmont High Adventure
- Sign Up for Popcorn

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
May 28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)	
4	Summer Camp – Woodruff Scout Camp					9	10 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)
11	12	13	14	Philmont High Adventure (Jun 14-26)		17 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)	
18	Philmont High Adventure					23	24 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)
Father's Day	26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)	
Philmont High Adventure		27	28	29	30	Jul 1	

JUN 2023 Troop Events:

Summer Camp, Woodruff Scout Camp | June 4 - 10

Summer Camp is one of the most important and best events of the year. It is an opportunity for fun, advancement, and outdoor adventure for new and older Scouts alike. There is something for everyone at camp! We are looking forward to a fantastic 2022 Summer Camp at Camp Rainey Mountain located in the cool north Georgia Mountains.

Philmont High Adventure Trip | June 14-26

As the traditional backpacking trek at Philmont, 12-day treks give crews the opportunity to hike for 10 days in the backcountry, with an arrival/departure day in Base Camp on each end of the journey. Crews will be welcomed and accompanied by a Philmont Ranger for their first 3 days and will participate in program activities throughout their trek. 12-day crews cover 50-120 miles over the course of their trek, and also complete the 3 hours of conservation work necessary to earn the Philmont Arrowhead Patch.

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/>

Troop Program & Planning Items:

Program Focus: TBD

TBD

Other Opportunities:

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JULY

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Organize new Dens and recruit new Den Leaders
- Sign up for Wood Badge training
- Sign up for 2024 Summer Camp

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 25	26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)
BSA National Jamboree – Summit Bechtel Reserve						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Aquatics MB Day (Allatoona)
BSA National Jamboree – Summit Bechtel Reserve						
30	31	Aug 1	2	3	4	5

JUL 2023 Troop Events:

BSA 2023 National Jamboree | Jul 19-28, 2023

National Jamboree is Scouting's flagship event. It is a one-of-a-kind gathering of approximately 40,000 Scouts, leaders, and staff that showcases everything that is great about the BSA and its members. Held every four years, the Jamboree is an amazing opportunity for participants, volunteers, and visitors to experience the best of Scouting, all in one place. Features include one of the longest zip line courses in North America, a world-class skate park, ATV offerings, treetop canopy tours, rock climbing, patch trading, stadium shows, and much more! It is held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve on over 40,000 acres in the New River Gorge, the permanent home of the National Scout Jamboree and BSA's fourth High Adventure base.

A couple of key points are: Atlanta will be forming a contingent to go to the National Jamboree. Registration is by individual participant. Costs are \$2,300 for Youth and \$1,300 for Adults. All participants will need to register with the [National Jamboree](#) in addition to the Atlanta Area Council. You will pay all fees through the Atlanta Area Council. [Register today](#) to secure your spot with a \$100 deposit.

This is a great event to have good Troop 455 Participation!

Troop Program & Planning Items:

Merit Badge & Program Theme: TBD

TBD

Other Opportunities:

Scout Days

Scout Days are unique opportunities for all Scouts and their families to attend events around Atlanta with other Scouts. All Scout Days are offered at a discounted price of admission, and a portion of the proceeds is given back to the program. Our partners include the Atlanta Braves, the Atlanta Hawks, Atlanta United, Atlanta Falcons, the Georgia Aquarium, the Georgia State Capitol and more.

TBD | TBD Date

TBD.

REGISTERING FOR EVENTS

Tentaroo

All District and Council activities (Training, Family Camping, Day Camp, etc.) a unit or family can participate in requires registration for the event. The Council has a registration system called Tentaroo.

Tentaroo Account Types

There are two account types: Unit and individual/family. All Atlanta Area Council units have an account in the system. Many of you have already created individual/family accounts.

Unit Account

Should be used for registration for events you attend as a unit, such as weekend camping, Council and District events and Summer Camp. This account login information can be shared with any registered adult member of the unit, so make sure you keep the User ID and password something generic. It is not recommended that you register for individual trainings on the unit account as other adults will have access to it.

Individual/Family Account

These accounts should be used for registrations for trainings, parents signing up their Scouts for activities such as Merit Badge Days, and Council or District events. Your login information will never be shared with anyone.

How to Register for Events

Once you're logged in to your account you'll see a summary of the upcoming events that you're currently registered for. To register for an event select "Events" from the menu on the far left. You will have a list of the Event Types that have upcoming events. You can scroll through or use the magnifying glass in the upper right corner to search for the one you're looking for. Many of our events have multiple offerings, such as multiple Wood Badge Courses, multiple dates for CPR training and multiple Merit Badge Days. You'll then select the specific date you wish to register for. You'll fill in the participant contact information or select them from the list of participants you have previously registered. If your event has class options you can use the magnifying glass in the upper right corner to search through the classes to find the one(s) you'd like to register for. Always check out after making any changes, even if no payment is due. Nothing is saved or done until you check out.

AtlantaBSA.org/TentarooHelp