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Edition

The Outdoor Explorer

Your newsletter for all things LHC Camping and Program



One Day...or
Day One...the
choice is up to
you.

Happy New Year fellow
Scouters, parents, and
families!

The new year brings with it
so many exciting things!
Skiing at all your favorite
places (including
Nemacolin! So be sure to
check out the Ski and
Snowboard Days!),
weekend camping next to a
nice fire, or just taking a
nice hike on a snow

covered trail.

Or maybe you're just waiting for
the sun to come back out, the
temperatures to get warm, and get
your things packed to head off to
summer camp.

Whatever your adventure
style is, we would love to
hear about it!

We'll see you on the Trail!

-LHC Program Team



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Cub Scout Blue and Gold Placemats are available!



It is that time of year again!
Blue and Gold season is just a
few weeks away and we have
the 2020 Summer Camp
placemat order form up and
ready for you!

The placemats are available to
packs at no cost and are a
great way to promote to your
families to consider attending a
summer camping experience

this season! W FOR 2020*

This year, the Laurel Highlands Council
camping department is offering two dif-
ferent placemats!

You asked and we listened! This year the
traditional Camp Independence place-
mat will join up with the 2020 Day Camp
placemat. Units can choose to order
Resident Camp, Day Camp, or a 50/50
mix of both!

Follow the link below to get your order

placed to be sure you have
them in time for your
banquet.

[Click Here to Order](#)

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OrgKey=BSA527&id=1182](https://247scouting.com/forms/form.php?OrgKey=BSA527&id=1182)

Winter Weekends



The Winter Weekends at Heritage Reservation are a tremendous opportunity for Scouts to enjoy fun-filled weekends in the great outdoors while experiencing the beauty of winter. Participants will stay in our Potomac Homes overlooking Lake Courage. Cafeteria style meals are provided at Pathfinder Lodge in the dining hall area. Come with your personal gear and sense of adventure to enjoy winter with some exciting program opportunities. There are several weekends to choose from for all levels of Scouting.

Scouts BSA and Venturing Ski Weekend participants who wish to take advantage of the skiing at Nemaquin's Mystic Mountain must purchase their tickets for the slopes directly from Nemaquin Mystic Mountain at <https://www.nemaquin.com/ski-snowboard-days>.

Registration is open!

To register for the Scouts BSA and Venturing Ski Weekend, visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/527-SBSAandVTSki20>

To register for the Cub Scout Winter Weekends, visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/527-HRWW2020>

January 10 - 12, 2020

Scouts BSA and Venturing Ski Weekend
Nemaquin Ski Days

January 24 - 26, 2020

Cub Scout Winter Weekend 1
Nemaquin Ski Days

January 31 - February 2, 2020

Cub Scout Winter Weekend 2
Nemaquin Ski Days

February 7 - 9, 2020

Cub Scout Winter Weekend 3

February 14 - 16, 2020

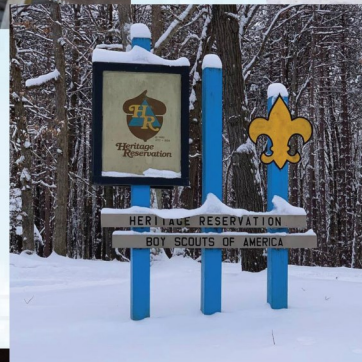
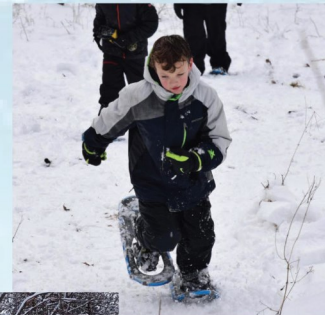
Cub Scout Winter Weekend 4

February 21 - 23, 2020

Cub Scout Winter Weekend 5
Nemaquin Ski Days

February 28 - March 1, 2020

Cub Scout Winter Weekend 6



[Click Here to Register for the Cub Scout Winter Weekends](#)

[*Click Here for the Nemaquin Ski and Snowboard Days](#)

The rates have changed

SPACE RACE 2020—SUMMER CAMP IS GONNA BE OUTTA THIS WORLD



Are you interested in being on staff for the 2020 Space Race at Heritage Reservation next year?! The staffing interest forms are live online at www.lhcscouting.org/campstaff!

Some available positions:

- Outdoor Marketing Director
- ATV Safety Program Director
- Lifeguards
- Ski Boat Drivers
- Climbing & Challenge Course Director and Staff
- More!

Do you know someone who might make a great staff member? Be sure to fill out the Camp Staff Recommendation form! You could earn yourself a \$100 trading post credit!



Registration is open for 2020
Cub Scout Resident Camp Sessions
at Camp Independence!

Spaces fill up quickly, so make sure that
your Pack isn't left waiting on the launch pad
for next year's camping experiences!

[Click Here for Camp Independence](#)

Need placemats for your
Blue & Gold Banquet?

The order form is available now!

[Click Here to Order 2020 Placemats](#)

**JOIN THE SPACE RACE TO
CAMP INDEPENDENCE 2020**
2020 Session Dates

Session	Dates	Days of the Week
Rookie Camp	June 20 - 21	Saturday - Sunday
Cub Scout Resident 1	June 21 - 24	Sunday - Wednesday
Webelos Resident 1	June 26 - 29	Friday - Monday
Webelos Resident 2*	July 5 - 9	Sunday - Thursday
Pack Camp 1**	July 10 - 13	Friday - Monday
Pack Camp 2**	July 17 - 20	Friday - Monday
Pack Camp 3**	July 24 - 27	Friday - Monday
Pack Camp 4**	July 31 - August 3	Friday - Monday

(*) Webelos Resident 2 is a 4 night camp

(**) Denotes an optional 4th day for Webelos only

2020 Session Costs

Cub / Webelos Scout Resident Camp	Paid in Full by 04-01-2020		Paid in Full by 06-01-2020		Paid in Full by 06-02-2020 or after	
	Scout	Adult	Scout	Adult	Scout	Adult
Rookie Camp	\$57	\$26	\$67	\$36	\$77	\$46
3 Night	\$191	\$98	\$201	\$108	\$211	\$118
4 Night	\$259	\$133	\$269	\$143	\$279	\$153

For more information visit:
www.lhscouting.org/camping
412-325-7921

SAVE THE DATE!

2020 Pre-Camp Leader Meetings!

Wednesday, February 26—Heritage Cub Programs



Would you like to schedule a Camp Promotion for
your Pack or Troop?

Click the link below to get your unit
on the schedule!

[Click Here to Schedule your Unit Camp Promotion](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

2020 Pre-Camp Leader Meetings!

Thursday, February 27—Heritage Scouts BSA & High Adventure Programs



JOIN THE SPACE RACE TO CAMPS LIBERTY & FREEDOM 2020

Registration is open for 2020

**Scouts BSA Summer
Camp Sessions**

at Camps Freedom and Liberty!

Join the Space Race for your Troop to have an opportunity to explore what's out there! Spaces and campsites fill up quickly, so be sure to get your deposit in for next year!

[Click Here for Camp Liberty](#)

[Click here for Camp Freedom](#)

2020 Session Dates

Session	Dates	Days of the Week
Week 1	June 21 - 27	Sunday - Saturday
Week 2	June 28 - July 4	Sunday - Saturday
Week 3	July 5 - 11	Sunday - Saturday
Week 4	July 12 - 18	Sunday - Saturday
Week 5	July 19 - 25	Sunday - Saturday
Week 6	July 26 - August 1	Sunday - Saturday

2020 Session Costs

Scouts, BSA	Paid in Full by 04-01-2020		Paid in Full by 06-01-2020		Paid in Full by 06-02-2020 or after	
	Scout	Adult	Scout	Adult	Scout	Adult
Freedom / Liberty	\$382	\$206	\$407	\$216	\$432	\$226
Day Trek / Eagle Base	\$433	\$433	\$458	\$458	\$483	\$483

For more information visit:
www.lhscouting.org/camping
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2020 Summer Camp Merit Badges

*Denotes Eagle Required Badges

Eco-STEM



Astronomy



Environmental Science*



Weather



Mammal Study



Energy



Oceanography



Reptile & Amphibian Study



Engineering



Space Exploration



Electricity



Fish and Wildlife Management



Nature



Chemistry

Handicraft



Indian Lore



Graphic Arts



Fingerprinting



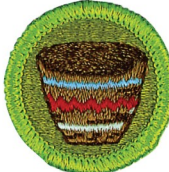
Leatherwork



Game Design



Movie Making



Basketry



Metal Work



Art



Wood Carving

Scoutcraft



Fishing



Pioneering



Wilderness Survival



Scouting Heritage



Cooking



Exploration



Geocaching



Camping*



Orienteering

Scout Scholar



First Aid*



Communications*



Citizenship in the World*



Emergency Preparedness*



Citizenship in the Nation*



Search and Rescue



Journalism



Chess



Music



Fire Safety

Aquatics



Canoeing



Motorboating



Kayaking



Rowing

Non-Badge Classes:

- Paddelcraft Safety
- Instruc. Swim
- Swim & Water Rescue
- SUP Award
- Mile Swim
- BSA Guard



Swimming*



Lifesaving*



Watersports



Small Boat Sailing

Shooting Sports / COPE / High Adventure

Non-Badge Classes:

- COPE



Archery



Rifle Shooting



Whitewater



Climbing



Shotgun

2020 Campership Applications

The purpose of a campership is to assist those Laurel Highlands Council Scouts with a financial need to attend summer resident camp (Day Camp and NYLT do not qualify).

Camperships are made on the basis of need and available funds. Requests for campership funding can only be considered for LHC youth attending a LHC resident camp.

Please encourage those families in your units to consider filling out the campership form so that their Scouts can attend a fun and exciting resident camp program with their fellow Scout friends.

All applications are due no later than March 1, 2020.

[Click Here for the 2020 Campership Application](#) or visit:

www.lhcscouting.org/camping/resources





Here's your chance to explore Scouting's paradise! Laurel Highlands Council has 7 youth and 2 adult spaces remaining for a 2020 Philmont contingent traveling to New Mexico July 20 to August 3, 2020. Your **all-inclusive** cost will be \$2500 which includes training, airfare, ground transportation, meals, pre-Philmont touring, and the Philmont expedition itself. Registration is first come; first served and unreserved spaces will be released after January 15. Register today at <https://scoutingevent.com/527-Phimont2020>.

Is your unit planning its own Philmont excursion? Looking for some help and guidance in planning and preparing for your trip? Let the LHC Camping Department know and we can connect you with an experienced Philmont adviser.



Don't miss out on Scouting's biggest party! The 2021 National Scout Jamboree will be taking place July 21-30, 2021 at Summit Bechtel Reserve.

LHC Council Contingent Registration will open in early 2020. Interested youth and adults should be sure to review Jamboree participant information available at

<https://jamboree.scouting.org/jamboree-participants/>.

Jamboree Service Team registration is now open:

<https://jamboree.scouting.org/jamboree-service-team/>

Order of the Arrow - Allohak Menewi Lodge #57



Upcoming Lodge Events:

Pay your 2020 Dues

<https://scoutingevent.com/527-OADues2020>

Winterfest

January 17-19, 2020

[REGISTER](#)

Lodge Service Weekend at CTE

April 17-19, 2020

[REGISTER](#)

Lodge Service Weekend at HR

May 15-17, 2020

[REGISTER](#)

NOAC (Michigan State Univ.)

August 3-8, 2020

[REGISTER](#)

For more upcoming evening in the lodge, visit www.lodge57.org for the full calendar and for any other event registrations.



Aloha Arrowmen!

Kickback and relax for a luau at Heritage Reservation on January 17-19, 2020!

Winterfest is warming up, so don't get stuck wishin' you were there! Registration is still open! Click the link above or visit

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/527-Winterfest2020>



Beaver Days

Beaver Days are an important time each year in the Laurel Highlands Council to help prepare camps for summer sessions or get them winterized to be protected for the winter months and to make sure that they are in good working order. Bring your units out for these work days, have a free weekend of camping in exchange for some service projects at our council camps. Currently, the Laurel Highlands Council has three scheduled Beaver Days for 2020. In addition to the dedicated Beaver Days in the council, Heritage Reservation also offers opportunities for Ranger Work Days that are promoted on the Heritage Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/HeritageReservation/>.

For more information visit: www.lhcscouting.org/camping.

LHC Beaver Days

- Heritage Reservation - May 29-31, 2020
- Camp Seph Mack - April 25, 2020
- Camp Anawanna - August 8, 2020



the Trainer's

What?

The Trainer's EDGE is the "Train the Trainer" course intended to develop and improve the platform skills of a trainer.

The Trainer's Edge uses contemporary training techniques and emphasizes the importance of experiential learning, or "learning by doing."

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Who?

- Required train-the-trainer course for Wood Badge and NYLT Staffs
- Perfect for District and Council Trainers, Roundtable Staff, Unit Trainers
- Great for all Scouters interested in improving their training & presentation skills

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When?

Saturday, February 1, 2020 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Deadline to register is January 15, 2020.

Where?

Flag Plaza - 1275 Bedford Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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Why?

This course helps trainers wishing to enhance their training and presentation skills. Most sessions not only demonstrate good training methods, but also give participants a chance to interact and actually practice what they have learned.

How?

\$25 (includes lunch)

Register: <https://scoutingevent.com/527-TrainersEdge>

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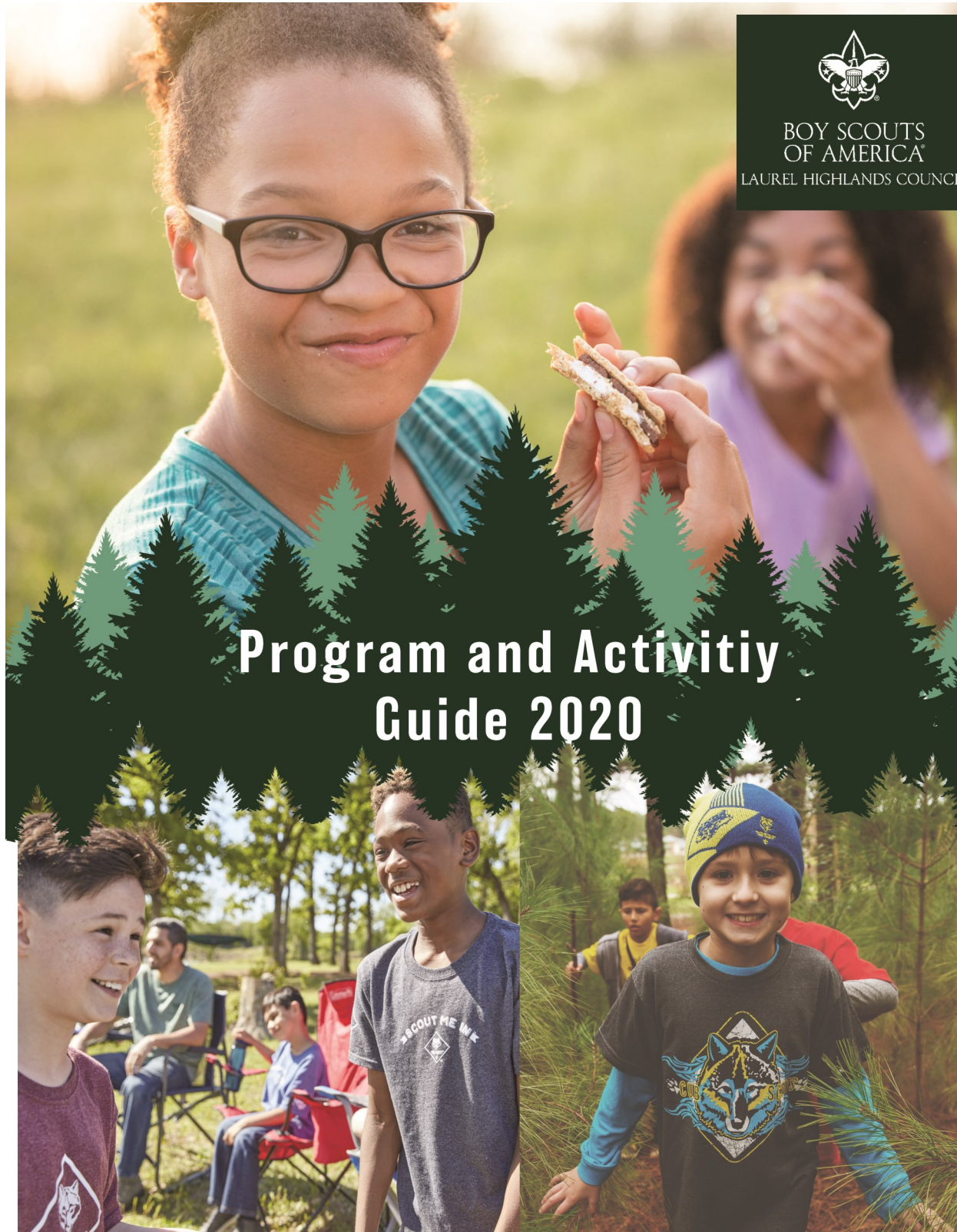
Questions?

Course Director [Melodee Hursey](mailto:melodee@hurseypa.net) - melodee@hurseypa.net



Coming Soon!

Be on the look out for the LHC Program and Activity Guide!



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Program and Activity Guide 2020



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New year, New Opportunities! Some people say, "New Year, New You" but we are adopting the New Year, New Opportunities mindset. We have 366 days, no that's not a typo, for opportunities this year. New opportunities for youth to join Scouting, for Scouts and families to attend camp, and to make each of those 366 days count.

We are looking forward to a great year with you and your Scouts.

We'll see you on the Trails! Stay warm!

Bill Park - Director of Support Services

Mike Manner - Director of Camping

Amanda Erickson - Program Team Admin.

Bust out that Dutch Oven!



Ingredients

- 2 lbs beef tips
- 1/3 cup flour
- Salt / Pepper to taste
- 3 tbs vegetable oil
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 tbs tomato paste
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups baby carrots
- 6 Yukon potatoes, diced
- 1 cup frozen peas

Dutch Oven Beef Stew

Directions

1. Put flour, salt, and pepper into a large zip-lock bag, add beef tips and shake until the meat is coated with the flour mixture.
2. Preheat dutch oven on medium/high heat add 3 tablespoons of vegetable oil.
3. Brown beef tips in batches, scoop out to a separate plate and set aside.
4. Add diced onion to pot and cook for 3-5 minutes until softened.
5. Add the tablespoon of tomato paste and stir to combine.
6. Add chicken broth, making sure to gently scrape any bits from the bottom of the pot.
7. Add beef tips and increase heat to high until it starts to boil.
8. Reduce the heat to a simmer for 1 hour, do not cover with lid.
9. After 1 hour, add carrots and potatoes. Put the lid on and continue to simmer for 1 hour.
10. Add frozen peas when there is 15 minutes left on the timer.

Serve with crusty bread or biscuits!

Yield: 6 servings