



*Pine Tree District*  
*Newsletter*  
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**Your District Leadership Team**

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## **The most important patch in Scouting might not be what you think**

**~Bryan Wendell, Bryan on Scouting**

The Arrow of Light marks a major milestone in a Cub Scout's growth. The senior patrol leader badge represents the most important position in a troop. And the Eagle Scout award symbolizes an incredible journey of perseverance.

But when considering the array of Scouting awards and recognitions available to young people, there's one that stands above them all.

If you think about its ability to grow Scouting and introduce this life-changing program to new people, **the Recruiter Strip** might be the most important patch in Scouting.

It's also one of the easiest to earn.

### **How to earn the Recruiter Strip**

The Recruiter Strip has just one requirement: recruit a friend into Scouting.

Any youth member — in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing or Sea Scouts — who gets a friend, classmate or relative to sign up for Scouting can receive the red, white and blue patch.

Each Scout unit comes up with its own procedure for awarding the strip. In most packs, troops, crews and ships, the young person receives the strip the first time he or she successfully recruits someone into the unit.

### **How to wear the Recruiter Strip**

The embroidered cloth strip is worn on the uniform, below the right pocket.

### **An invitation — not a sales pitch**

The BSA has created **some pretty incredible recruiting materials** to help you invite new families to join. There are billboards, email templates, flyers, photos, postcards, posters, radio spots, social images, brochures and videos. The materials are excellent, but they don't replace the best recruiting method of all: word of mouth.

Encourage your Scouts to make that personal invitation. They should approach the recruiting opportunity the same way they'd talk to a friend about a favorite book or videogame.

By sharing those personal, what-I-did-last-weekend experiences, recruiting won't feel like a sales pitch but an invitation.

### **Your unit's Recruiter Strip story**

Every Recruiter Strip tells a story of someone inviting a friend to join the Scouting journey.

How does your pack, troop, crew or ship recognize young people who successfully invite others to join?



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
CENTRAL MINNESOTA COUNCIL

# THE 2019 AREA-WIDE RIPLEY RENDEZVOUS

MAY 17-19 • CAMP RIPLEY • LITTLE FALLS, MN



**SCOUTS, VENTURERS, AND LEADERS!**  
Don't miss the 2019 Area-Wide Ripley Rendezvous!  
Choose from 3 Great Programs for only \$50/person!  
Presented by Central Minnesota Council, BSA & Camp Ripley



## + EXTREME PROGRAM

Limit: 1,000 Youth Age 14+ or Venturer

- Biathlon Course
- Climbing & Rappelling
- EMS Interactive Demos
- Military Displays & Interactions
- Obstacle Course
- Orienteering Course
- Team Challenges

## + ADVENTURE PROGRAM

Limit: 3,000 Youth Age 12+

- Historical Firearms Demos
- Hunting & Fishing Instructionals
- Military Displays & Interactions
- North Range Shooting Sports
- Rocket Launching
- Tomahawk Throw
- Voyageurs Reenactment Group

## + ACTION CENTER

Limit: 3,000 Youth Age 10+

- EMS Interactive Demonstrations
- DNR & State Patrol Demos
- Hands-On Activities & Displays
- Military Equipment
- Outdoor Skills Training
- Pro Fishing Celebrities
- Rocket Launching



## + SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS & EVENTS

- Military Dignitaries
- Saturday Night Lightshow
- MN Military Museum
- Scouts Have Talent Contest

## + TRADING POST & CANTEEN

- Camping Supplies
- High Adventure Booths
- National Scout Shop
- Souvenirs, Food & Snacks

**Registration opens October 1 at 8 AM CST. Program space is limited.**  
**Early bird discount ends on April 1. \$60/person after April 1.**  
**Please visit [bsacmc.org](http://bsacmc.org) for more info and to register!**



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# Bear and Webelos Lock-in 2019!

An all-night event for Bears,  
Webelos, and Parents at  
St. Cloud State University



## Who:

Scouts must be accompanied by adults.  
At least 5 Scouts to 1 adult ratio is required.  
Adults are responsible for Scout's behavior.

## What:

Swimming, rock climbing, sports, games, fire department activities, and more!

## Where:

Halenbeck Hall South, St. Cloud State University, 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 10<sup>th</sup> St. S.  
Please park on the west side and enter Door 9.

## When:

Sat., March 23, 7 PM until Sun., March 24, 6 AM. Check-in Sat.: 6-7 PM

## Cost:

\$45 per youth and \$10 per adult.

Fees cover the program materials, Midnight Pizza Party, and facility rental.  
Register online at: <https://scoutingevent.com/296-BearWebelosLockIn>

## Please Bring:

Health form, swimsuit, towel, water bottle, pillow, blanket, and folding chair.

## Questions:

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Pine Tree District Recognition Dinner to honor the accomplishments of the Scouts and Scouters in our district. We will recognize the Scouts who earned their Eagle Scout in 2018. We will honor our Silver Beaver recipient. We will present the District Award of Merit. We will present the Cub Scout and Boy Scout of the Year.



The cost is \$10 per person. (\$12 at the door) Eagle Scouts from the pervious year attend for free.

Let's not forget the traveling trophy for the unit with the most people in attendance.

<https://scoutingevent.com/296-PineTreeDinner2019>



Help us celebrate our 2018 Outstanding Volunteers and the 2018 class of Eagle Scouts!

Join us at the Hangar Conference Center, 8-195 Aviation Road, Camp Ripley, 15000 Highway 115, Little Falls, MN on Sunday, April 28 at 4 p.m.

A buffet including Turkey and Ham will be served along with the fixings, beverages, and dessert for \$22.00. Tax and tips included.

We will be recognizing

Silver Beaver recipients: Troy Payne, Dale Magnuson, Levi Muhlenkamp, Kim Erickson, and George Schnepf.

Other recognitions may include Parker Awards, Golden Torch Awards, and Lifesaving Awards, among others.

<https://scoutingevent.com/296-annualdinner19>

## ROUND TABLE!



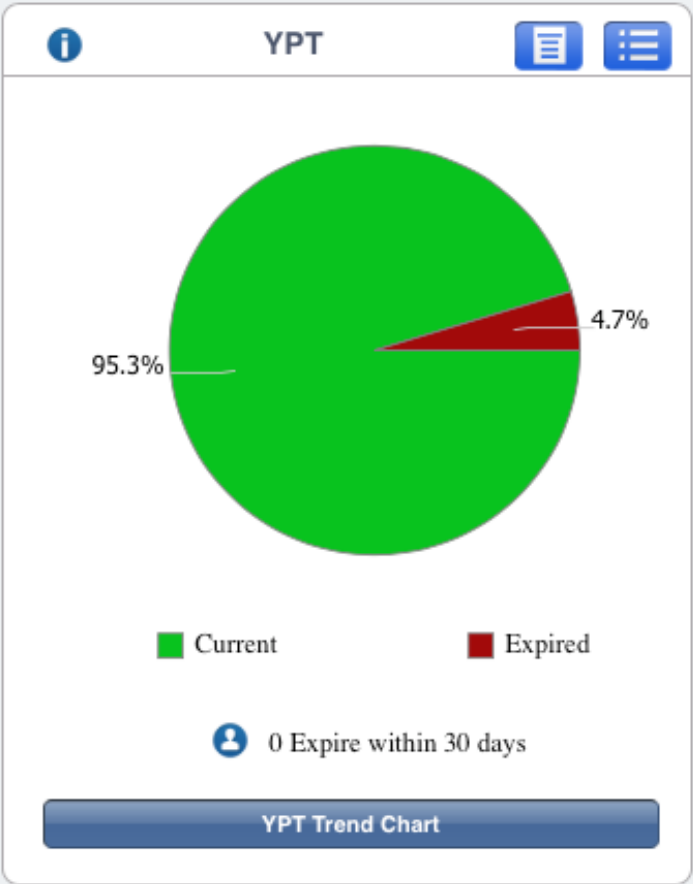
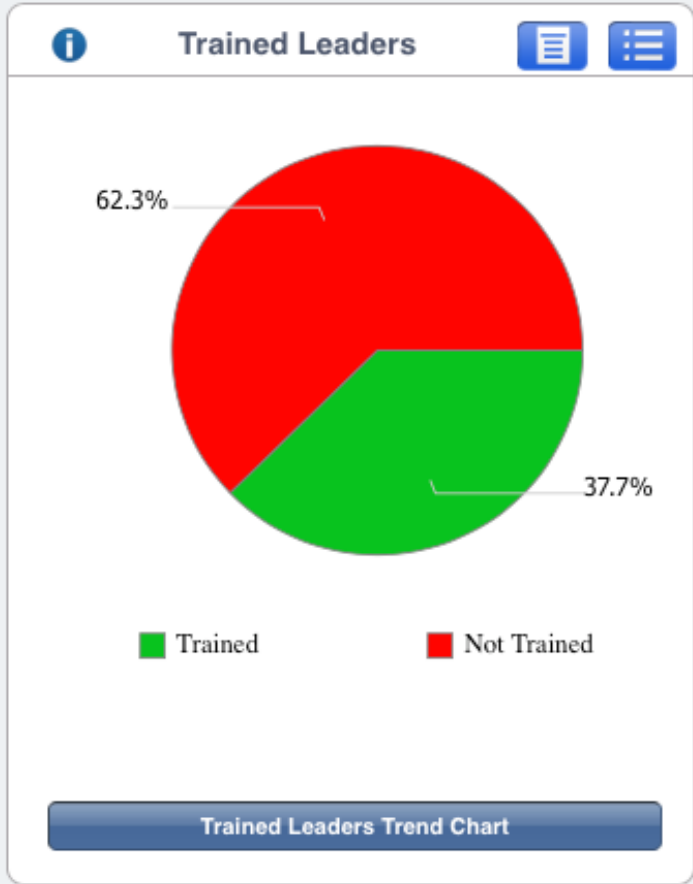
Have you come to a Round Table? Why NOT? Roundtable is more than just another Scout meeting. Its your chance to hear from subject matter experts in things like backpacking, winter camping, summer camps and much more. Its also a chance for you to talk with your fellow leaders and learn what they are doing and trying that could help you.

Everyone is welcome  
Parent, Leaders and even SCOUTS

*See you Jan. 15h at 6:30 pm  
Brainerd Salvation Army Chapel*



# Training Update



It is our goal to get at least half of our leaders trained in their positions. As you can see we have just over 30% of our leaders trained. This means we have leaders who are doing a job that they may not know all of the ins and outs of, they may not know all of the resources that are available to them and they may not be giving their Scouts the best program they are capable of delivering. We want every leader to know they can do a great job and make it easier for them.

### Up-Coming Training Events

**Nothing is scheduled at this time but you can contact Ken or Loren to schedule your unit**

Training is also available on the [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) website. You can log into the site and watch the videos. Do not let the number of videos intimidate you because many of them are very short but still very informative. Training helps you and will make your program better!



Friends of Scouting is your chance to support the bigger mission of the Scouting Movement in your Council. We need your support to ensure we can provide the best program to all young people who want to be Scouts. One way you can support the mission is to buy a brick in the Parker Plaza.

### Parker Fund Pledge Form

I have enclosed a donation for an engraved brick to build "The Parker Fund".

- 15" x 10" Brick..... \$1,000   
  10" x 10" Brick..... \$500   
  10" x 5" Brick..... \$250  
 Other ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Brick Text Engraving \_\_\_\_\_

3 Lines Maximum: 23 characters per line for 15" x 10"; 13 characters per line for 10"x10" and 10"x5"

Please make checks payable to: Central Minnesota Council, BSA. By August 15, 2018



The Parker Fund has been established as an investment in Parker Scout Camp to ensure the property remains a healthy and valuable asset for youth and families for years to come.

The goal of the fund is to raise \$1.3 million for projects at camp and start an endowment fund that will provide for the maintenance and upkeep of Parker Scout Camp and to continue to develop fun and innovative programming for youth. We are nearly half way to that goal and we need your help!

Please consider a gift at the \$1000, \$500 or \$250 level. Your gift will be permanently recognized with an engraved brick in our new flag plaza at camp.







Elections are underway in the district. VCA Austin Erickson should have contacted you or soon will be to schedule your unit election. Please double check your email if you haven't heard from him yet.

OA Winter fellowship was a wonderful event at Parker. The Arrowmen had some really fun times. Be sure to check out the Facebook Page to see photos and videos from the event.

<https://www.facebook.com/naguonabelodge/>

Remember to register for Spring Conclave its come up soon.

<https://scoutingevent.com/296-2019SpringConclave>

Don't forget to pay your Dues!

<https://scoutingevent.com/296-2019OADues>



*Welcome to the District*

*Troop 43 for Girls!*

Meets at Trinity Lutheran Church in Brainerd  
Monday 6:30pm

**Pine Tree District Pinewood Derby  
March 16th - Brainerd Mall**



Racing is open to all Cub Scouts in the District

Cub Scouts cost \$4 preregistration or \$6 day of.

Registration, Inspection and Weigh in will run from 10:00 am to 10:30 am.

Races start at 11:00 am.

<https://scoutingevent.com/296-PTPinewoodDerby19>

Greetings Scouting Family,

Winter is almost over, I think.... We have closed the books on winter camps and now we hope for a slow thaw to all this snow, a quick one could be dangerous and lead to a great deal of flooding.

A few thoughts on service projects your unit can do as winter comes to a close are: snow any fire hydrants that haven't been cleared or you can also clear ice a debris from storm drains that a plugged.

Our district Klondike Derby went very well. We hope more units choose to join us next year. This year was a historic event as it included Troop 43 for Girls. The girls had a great time and they even appeared in the Brainerd Dispatch. They have a great deal to be proud of as they left with some ribbons and had a great time. Troop 43 for boys and Troop 39 also joined the fun.

Our district volunteers have been doing Friends of Scouting presentations and visiting troops and packs to do unit assessments and find out how they can help the units succeeded and provide the best possible program to the Scouts. We look forward to visiting with unit leaders and volunteers in the up-coming weeks and months to learn more about your programs. Friends of Scouting helps ensure the council has the vital resources to provide the support and program resources to execute the recommendations of these district volunteers.

Community Friends of Scouting campaigns are also getting going now. These campaigns are always in need of volunteers to help make the connections to decision makers. If you can help the district committee works some donation cards in your community, please let me know. The more people we have to make the vital connections to people the more success we can have and the more support we can provide to our units and more improvements we can make to programs for our Scouts.

Part of our community campaign includes events to generate funds and also increase the awareness of our Scouting programs in the area. We have two events this year to help our community campaign. The first will take place on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 5 to 8 pm at Jack Pine Brewery, when we participate in their Pints for a Purpose program. Jack Pine will donate \$1 for every pine that is sold during our event. Please share this information with friends and family and co-workers so we can have a successful event. I will get poster out during our April Roundtable. The other event we have is in the fall when we will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pinewood Derby at the Roundhouse Brewery.

Please remember that Scouting is a year-round activity and while many units kind of shutdown for the summer, now is the time to start planning you Summer Camp at Parker weekends and looking at the requirements to the earn the Summer Time Pack Awards.

For our Boy Scouts don't forget if you're looking for a summer job filled with adventure, high adventure bases are looking to hire now as well as most summer camps. Many Point is just one of many and don't forget we always need additional help at Parker for the Cub Camp.

In Scouting,

Ken

"Scouting is this country's single best program for building character in youth and instilling positive religious and family values and has been for nearly a century." – Wilkes-Barre



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For more information on events in Pine Tree District or Central Minnesota Council visit  
<http://www.bsacmc.org/#!/event-calendar/c1xcb>

Your input on the District Newsletter is always welcome please contact Ken with your input  
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