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## SAFEGUARDING YOUTH TRAINING



Scouting America has unveiled a new comprehensive Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) program, reinforcing its unwavering commitment to creating the safest possible environment for young people. This updated training represents a significant step forward in Scouting America's multi-layered approach to youth protection.

The new training is mandatory for all registered adult volunteers and has been developed with insights from leading experts in child safety, law enforcement, and child psychology. It incorporates the latest strategies for recognizing, responding to, and preventing various forms of abuse, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse.

### Key Features of the Updated Training:

- **Comprehensive Focus:** Our new Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly Youth Protection Training) program reflects the more comprehensive nature of the training and its focus on safeguarding youth from all threats.
- **Inclusive Content:** The training covers a wide range of topics, ensuring volunteers are well-informed about potential risks and best practices for youth protection.
- **Annual Refresher Courses:** Recognizing the ongoing need for education and awareness, Scouting America will now require annual refresher courses, estimated to take 15-20 minutes, to keep youth protection knowledge current.
- **Alignment with Best Practices:** Scouting America regularly consults with experts to ensure its policies and training reflect the most up-to-date knowledge and prevention techniques in the field of youth safety.
- **Focus on Prevention:** The training emphasizes proactive measures to prevent abuse and create a culture of safety within Scouting.

Your existing Youth Protection Training remains valid until its expiration date, at which point the new Safeguarding Youth Training will be required.

Scouting America's proactive approach to youth safety underscores its dedication to providing a secure and enriching environment where young people can learn, grow, and thrive. The launch of this enhanced Safeguarding Youth Training demonstrates a continuous effort to adapt and improve safety measures, ensuring the well-being of all Scouts remains the top priority.

Visit [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) to take this new training.



# GRAND SLAM (OF A) CAMPORALL

Scouts from throughout Northeast Iowa gathered at an epic Field of Dreams Movie Site for the NEIC Camporall, hosted by Troop 194. From a pick up game with the Ghost Players to completing over 400 hours of service to having a "Concession Stand" themed Cook-Off, around 200 Scouts and Scouters hit it out of the park!



- 🎉 Congratulations to Troop 40, winners of the Scouting Spirit Award.
- 🎉 Congratulations to Troop 51, winners of the Overall Points Award.
- 🎉 Congratulations to Troop 94, winners of the Concession Stand Cook-Off (deep fried Oreos and funnel cakes).

This epic event was one to go down in the memory books thanks to our hosts at the Field of Dreams and planners Troop 194. New crossover youth were able to experience the Scouts BSA world.

*"I liked being part of the planning process for making my meals and what to bring on the campout. It was a fun experience to get to know my Troop."* -**Charlie M., Troop 175**

We built it and Scouts came!

## SCOUTREACH

Serving over 200 youth, Scoutreach brings the values of the Scout Oath, Law and Cub Scout program to life. Weekly, our programs are delivered throughout our entire Council. The program is offered to youth free of charge, not just "after school" as we also invite youth to attend our summer camp.

Partnerships include The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dubuque, St. Mark Youth Enrichment, St. Patrick Elementary School (in Waukon) and Waukon East and West Elementary Schools. Elementary aged youth complete activities such as making ice cream in 10 minutes, partnering together to make wind chimes and even learning basic knife skills. Through experiencing Scouting, youth are learning citizenship, life skills and engaging in outdoor activities all through exciting adventures.

Thanks to Catherine May, Amy Russell and Anezka Lungwitz for their delivery of our program every month and sharing the Scouting journey with our neighbors after school. We look forward to the growth of this program and sharing the exciting summer Camp C.S. Klaus and Camp Burton experiences!



*"The Scout Outreach Program gives our after school kiddos an opportunity to try new things and learn more about the Scouting opportunities in their community. Our students get hands on experience with STEM activities, craft projects and more. Our program is so fortunate to work with such wonderful partners like the Scouts to give our kiddos the best time after school."*

**-Amelia Foley, St. Mark Director of Programs**



# SCOUTS EXCEL BEYOND

We know that Scouting is more than just merit badges and campouts—it's a launchpad for well-rounded, high-achieving youth. Across our council, Scouts are making waves not just in uniform, but also on the stage, on the field, and in the classroom.

Whether it's a Scout who just scored the winning goal in a regional soccer tournament, another who landed the lead role in their school's musical, or a budding violinist performing with the local youth symphony, these young leaders are proving that Scouting fits into a busy, ambitious life.

## Scouting: A Flexible Foundation for Success

One of the greatest strengths of Scouting is its flexibility. With meetings, service projects, and adventures that can be scheduled around school and extracurricular commitments, Scouting supports—not competes with—other passions. It teaches time management, perseverance, and leadership, which are invaluable in every arena of life.



Charlie Z (T5) and West Dubuque Quiz Bowl earned 1<sup>st</sup> place



Battle of the Books Champs: Lauren D (T194), Ben V (T51)



Battle of the Books Champs: Anita P, Abby S, & Kaylee H (T194)



6<sup>th</sup> grade honor choir:  
Oliver F (T34)  
Kendalyn M (T137)

## A Community That Celebrates All Achievements

We're proud to celebrate our Scouts' achievements—whether they're earning Eagle rank or earning applause on stage. Scouting doesn't ask youth to choose between their passions. Instead, it gives them the tools to thrive in all of them.

So to all the parents, teachers, and coaches out there: thank you for supporting these incredible young people. And to our Scouts—keep reaching for the stars. Whether you're in hiking boots or ballet slippers, you're showing the world what it means to be prepared.

## SCOUTING IN THE NEWS

We're proud to share some of the recent stories that have captured the attention of local media. These moments remind us that Scouting isn't just a program—it's a movement shaping tomorrow's leaders, one headline at a time.

- **Scout creates virtual tour of historically significant locations in Cascade** (May 20)
- **Diller completes Eagle Scout project** (May 14)
- **'Good feeling': Dubuque-area Scouts host popular breakfast on Mother's Day** (May 12)
- **Scouts invade Galena** (April 29)
- **Scout project benefits Bankston Park** (April 2)
- **New Hire: Catherine May** (March 30)
- **Person who makes a difference: Dubuque County woman shares skills with Scouts** (March 30)
- **Northeast Iowa Council recognizes 25 Eagle Scouts at annual brunch** (March 16)
- **Cub Scout pack attempts a comeback in Cascade** (March 5)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1 | Philmont 2025 \$310  
Payment Due

June 1 | Jamboree 2026 \$350  
Payment Due

June 1 | Philmont 2026 \$255  
Payment Due

June 5 | Dubuque District Roundtable

June 6-8 | OA Spring Fellowship

June 9 | Camp C.S. Klaus Golf Outing

June 14 | Cub Scout Day Camp

June 15-18 | Webelos/Arrow of Light  
Camp

June 19-21 | Cub Scout Adventure Camp

June 22-28 | SBSA Camp - Week 1

June 26 | 5-9pm Visitor Night at Camp

July 3-4 | Council Service Center Closed  
in honor of Independence Day

July 6-12 | SBSA Camp - Week 2

July 10 | 5-9pm Visitor Night at Camp

July 12-13 | Cub Overnight

July 13-19 | SBSA Camp - Week 3

July 14 | Scouting Golf Classic

July 17 | 5-9pm Visitor Night at Camp

July 17 | Ice Cream & Inspiration: Alumni  
& Donor Event

July 19-August 2 | Philmont 2025



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