



PLANNING CALENDAR

2023–2024

With suggested
themes and
Scouting dates

Scout Life

Suggested themes

Scout Life magazine suggests monthly themes for units to use while planning meetings and outings. Scouts will read stories related to these themes in the magazine, on scoutlife.org and in the *Scout Life* app with Cub Scout themes following points of the Scout Law.

September 2023

Troop theme: Science

October 2023

Troop theme: Geocaching

November 2023

Troop theme: Outdoor Ethics

December 2023

Troop theme: Snowboarding and Skiing

January 2024

Troop theme: Duty to God

February 2024

Troop theme: Spectator Sports

March 2024

Troop theme: First Aid

April 2024

Troop theme: Financial Management

May 2024

Troop theme: Climbing and Rappelling

June 2024

Troop theme: Scuba Diving

July 2024

Troop theme: Citizenship

August 2024

Troop theme: Caving

September 2024

Troop theme: Nature/Environment

October 2024

Troop theme: Ethics

November 2024


Troop theme: Cooking

December 2024

Troop theme: Fitness/Nutrition


SEPTEMBER 2023

Theme:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Before planning any activity, check the BSA's <i>Guide to Safe Scouting</i> to ensure your unit follows Scouting policies and procedures. Read the BSA's <i>Scouting Safely</i> page online for guidance on specific activities and use the SAFE checklist.</p>					1	2
3	4  Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



OCTOBER 2023

Theme:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Philmont registration opens	2	3	4	5	6	7
8  Columbus Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Contact Scout Life magazine at www.scoutlife.org and tell them about your unit's cool outing plans. Your Scouts could be featured in a future issue!			

NOVEMBER 2023

Theme:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Effective in fall 2023, Cub Scout packs that are conducting their own overnight camping activities may camp up to two consecutive nights.			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11  Veterans Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23  Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

DECEMBER 2023

Theme:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Review the BSA's Calendar of Religious Observances for dates of religious holidays. To respect the traditions of all Scouts and Scouters, care must be taken in scheduling Scouting activities.					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Hanukkah begins	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Hanukkah ends	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25  Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28	29	30

JANUARY 2024

Theme:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  New Year's Day Kwanzaa ends	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17	18 Northern Tier, Sea Base, Summit registration opens	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	You can get <i>Scout Life</i> magazine delivered to your door or device for a full year by subscribing at www.scoutlife.org .		

FEBRUARY 2024

Theme:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth or female adult program participants.				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 BSA's Birthday Scout Jumuah begins	9 Scout Jumuah ends Scout Sabbath begins	10 Scout Sabbath ends
11 Scout Sunday	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19  Presidents' Day	20	21	22 Founder's Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

MARCH 2024

Theme:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Get daily Scouting news from the Aaron on Scouting blog at blog.scoutingmagazine.org . You can also follow <i>Scouting</i> magazine's social media pages for updates and fun live broadcasts.					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31 Easter	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30


APRIL 2024

Theme:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	Consider camping at your local council camp. Many councils offer camping opportunities throughout the year, including camporees. And most council camps will allow units from other councils to camp on their property.			


MAY 2024

Theme:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>One of the easiest ways to recruit new members is to make sure your unit's information is up to date at BeAScout.org, the official BSA site that allows members of the public to find Scouting units near them.</p>			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27  Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	


JUNE 2024

Theme:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Discover special awards your Scouts can earn over the summer, including those in aquatics, conservation and summertime participation, on BSA's online awards central page.</p>						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p>Father's Day</p>			 <p>Juneteenth</p>			
<p>23</p> <p>30</p>	24	25	26	27	28	29

JULY 2024

Theme:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4  Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 National Order of the Arrow Conference begins	30	31	Use the SAFE Transportation Checklist and Pre-Trip Inspection in your transportation plans. These lists are designed to help you manage the risks associated with transporting Scouts.		


AUGUST 2024

Theme:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The BSA recommends that everyone who participates in a Scouting activity have an annual medical evaluation by a certified and licensed healthcare provider: a medical doctor, nurse practitioner or physician assistant. Pay special attention to medical risk factors. Medications should be continued based on your healthcare provider's recommendations while you are at Scouting events.</p>				1 Scout Scarf Day	2	3 National Order of the Arrow Conference ends
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31


SEPTEMBER 2024

Theme:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2  Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	Shop for uniforms, apparel, camping gear, handbooks, crafts, gifts and more at the Scout Shop, your one-stop shop for all your Scouting needs.				

OCTOBER 2024

Theme:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Check each national high-adventure base's website for future registration dates and trek information.		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14  Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

NOVEMBER 2024

Theme:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Have a one-of-a-kind vacation for adventurers of all ages! Head to Philmont Scout Ranch, the Summit Bechtel Reserve or Sea Base for BSA Family Adventure Camp, which is open to all families, not just Scouts.</p>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

DECEMBER 2024

Theme:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Happy Scouting!			



Christmas Day
Hanukkah begins

Kwanzaa begins

Stay in the know

AARON ON SCOUTING

Aaron on Scouting is the official daily blog of *Scouting* magazine. It features breaking news, inspirational stories, program updates and valuable tips. It is one of the most-read blogs among BSA adult leaders, and content is shared in daily email and social media.



Scouting Wire is the official e-newsletter of the Scouting movement. With content including activities, finance, fundraising and leadership training, these weekly and monthly newsletters offer news tailored for volunteers, parents and alumni.



Watch #CubChatLive every Friday at 2 p.m. Central on *Scouting* magazine's Facebook or YouTube channels for useful tips, tricks and ideas to help your den or pack from *Scouting* magazine.

Scout Life

Scout Life, the premier youth magazine of the Boy Scouts of America, empowers boys and girls to be their best selves today and tomorrow while engaging them with cool facts, fun stories and entertaining comics and jokes. Scouts can find more online at www.scoutlife.org, including games, contests and quizzes.



Exclusively for National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) members, the *Eagles' Call Insider*, a digital newsletter, is filled with curated Eagle Scout and NESA stories, members-only offers and invitations to special events to help you stay involved.



Watch #TroopTalkLive on the second Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. Central on *Scouting* magazine's Facebook or YouTube channels. *Scouting* magazine editors share useful tips, tricks and ideas to help your Scouts BSA troop.

Trek On TUESDAY

Every Tuesday, *Scout Life* editors are jumping on Facebook and YouTube at 3 p.m. Central for a live broadcast. Join the fun or visit www.scoutlife.org for archived broadcasts.