

SCOUTING

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I have some information to pass on to you from National Headquarters regarding things pertaining to the Scouting program at this time. I hope you find it informative. As of this time yet I still heard of any Eagle Scout of the Year Award applications being submitted to Department. The Deadline is March 1 2019.

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Square Knot Award Update:

This summer we are updating the requirements for the Community Organization Award (better known in The American Legion as the Square Knot award); ensuring that up to date courses, awards, and position titles are used and attempting to clarify some of the language that has some departments confused. I wanted to thank all of the Department Scouting Chairmen who provided comments and support for this process. There seemed to be quite a bit of enthusiasm for the updates to the application requirements as well as for the implementation of an online application process, which will provide a quicker turn-around as well. We will advise everyone when the new requirements are effective. Additionally, we will send out a tutorial on how to submit the applications online from the departments.

Scouts BSA Implementation:

The implementation of the 'Scouts BSA' vice 'Boy Scouts' program is on track to go live on 1 February. As a reminder, while this will allow all-female Scout Troops and all-female Cub Dens, it does not change anything else in the program. BSA National Headquarters also asks that organizations refrain from using the word 'girls' in association with 'scouts' as that causes confusion as to who we are speaking about and is at the heart of the current litigation by Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA). There are a few organizations out there that are promoting their new BSA troops as "girl scout-troops," which is fueling confusion and is the source of the GSUSA litigation. When refraining from this language, also refrain from the use of BSA and GSUSA logos next to one another without the expressed permission of GSUSA. There is another veteran service organization out there who presented a 'Scout of the Year' award that included both logos on their award certificate without permission, which is also part of the GSUSA litigation. I reiterate, please don't use trademarked or registered logos

without expressed permission. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Chartering LDS Scout Troops:

We wanted to commend Legion Family units (TAL Posts/SAL Squadrons/ALA Units) who are chartering BSA units that are continuing to work with former The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) chartered units in subsuming their chartering role across the country. As you know we are working to ensure that these youths are not losing out on the leadership and citizenship opportunities provided through BSA involvement just because their faith-group has pulled their financial support in favor of their new Children and Youth Development Initiative Coming January 2020. I spoke with many LDS members who are excited and very appreciative that The American Legion is ensuring that their troop/pack/crew are not left orphaned and unable to further participate.

Giving Credit to You and Yours:

There will be a data-call later this spring, asking departments to let us know how many new all-female Scout Troops and Cub Dens we have chartered as well as how many former LDS troops, packs, crews, ships, or posts have we taken under our wing. We plan to present this to both the Americanism Commission as well as present the best practices at the BSA National Annual Meeting in Denver this May highlighting your tremendous work. In addition to the numbers, if you have a particular post out there who is doing an extraordinary job in this realm (e.g. chartering multiple units and adding multiple more), we want to highlight their good work. Also, if you hear of a particular method / process / procedure that works best please come up and share it with us so we can forward it out to for others to try. We can only praise those who you identify as having done the work, so send us your specific instances where we as an organization as well as individual posts stand out from the crowd.

Area / Region Committee Membership:

Lastly, we are working with the BSA leadership to formally gain a permanent seat at the Area/Region Committee for our Department Scouting Chairmen. While this may take the form of a voice no vote position (as is the case with our seat on the US Olympic Committee). However, we are striving for full and equal status for each of our

Scouting Chairs within their commiserate level within BSA structure (Region, Area, Council). This will allow you to have the a better opportunity to voice your Department's positions that face your Region, Area, Council as well. Be aware though, that it will come with added responsibilities; including summer camp certification processing, committee member meeting attendance, actively functioning on standing and ad-hoc working groups, as well as other requirements of a committee member in that role. Rank has its privileges and its responsibilities.

Scouting at CAC:

As a reminder, we are still planning on having a Department Scouting Chairmen conference along with representation from BSA at the Combined Americanism Conference this fall – September 20-21 in Indianapolis. There we will provide information on various topics over the course of the two day event.

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Pine Sol cleaner – gallon size
All Purpose spray cleaner
Mr. Clean Magic Eraser
Lysol disinfectant spray
Laundry detergent Bleach Bounce Sheets
Small foaming Hand Soap - pump bottles foaming soap is easier to keep clean
Trash bags–tall kitchen bags and small, Large out door bags (30-60 gallon)
Lysol disinfectant wipes

Kitchen Supplies

Sturdy paper plates, bowls, cups (not Styrofoam)
Plastic forks (very sturdy forks)
Small individually wrapped Hersey bars for s'mores - less waste with small bars
Graham Crackers Marshmallows
Individual juice bottles for music nights (Grape, cranapple, etc.)
Girl Scout cookies... all flavors
Ice Tea Packets – Sugar free
Hot Chocolate packets
One gallon zip-lock bags
Cereal
Chocolate chip small bags
Jello Pudding
Baking Walnuts Baking Peanuts
Baking Pecans Flour
Sugar Brown Sugar
Cases of Water (bottled) we go thru over 100 cases per season
Maxwell House Dark and Medium Roast Coffee and some Decaf coffee
Crystal Light Lemonade drink mix

Miscellaneous

Large Marine Batteries
Queen Bed Sheets and comforters Full bed sheets and comforters
Off Dry Insect repellent Cutter Backyard spray
Wasp & Hornet spray

Office and Maintenance Supplies

AAA Batteries
LED Light Bulbs
Printer Ink HP Deskjet 61 Black and 61 Tri Color cartridge Printer Paper
Paint Brushes and Rollers
Postage Stamps (forever stamps)

FOR LARGE AND BIG TICKET ITEMS, please visit the Camp American Legion Website.

<https://www.campamericanlegion.org>

You can also get the Summer Schedule on the Website.

If you do not have Internet, contact A District Officer for a copy.

