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Council Recognition Dinner

Save the Date for the Council Recognition Dinner!

This August, make room for the annual Council Recognition Dinner! This special event brings together members of the Pennsylvania Dutch Council to celebrate this year's Silver Beaver recipients, the Eagle Scout Class of 2025, and all of our volunteers!



**SCOUT
EXECUTIVE**
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**THURSDAY
AUGUST 6TH**

**COUNCIL
RECOGNITION
DINNER**

**LITITZ MORAVIAN
CHURCH
8 CHURCH SQUARE
LITITZ PA, 17543**

5:30 PM


Scouting
America
Pennsylvania Dutch Council

**UPCOMING
COUNCIL
SERVICE
CENTER
CLOSURES**
*(please plan in
advance)*

**The Scout Shop
and Offices will
be closed
Friday, April 3rd
for Good Friday**



Silver Beaver Award Nominations

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is the most significant, council-level distinguished service award for adults in the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not actively seek it.



Nominations are due to the Council Service Center, c/o Matt Klutzaritz, or by email matt.klutzaritz@scouting.org by **June 1st, 2026**.

The Silver Beavers will be presented at the Annual Council Dinner on August 6th.

[Click here for the Silver Beaver Nomination Form](#)

Please fill out the Nomination Form completely (more information is better). The Silver Beaver selection committee also recommends that one letter of recommendation be included in the nomination submission.

For questions, please contact the Scout Service Center.
717-394-4063

Join Us for the 24th Annual Golf Classic for Scouts!

Get ready for a great day on the course at our **24th Annual Golf Classic for Scouts** on **Thursday, May 21, 2026**, at **Conestoga Country Club**.

This premier event brings together golfers, community leaders, and Scouting supporters for a fun and meaningful day supporting local youth across Lancaster and Lebanon Counties.

Ways to get involved:

- Register as an individual golfer
- Bring a foursome
- Support as a sponsor (great visibility for your business)

What to expect:

- Contests, prizes, and on-course games
- Raffle and auction items
- Great food, camaraderie, and a top-tier course experience

Spots fill quickly—we'd love to have you join us!

[Learn more and register today!](#)



2026 Scouting Update Presentation - Schedule Yours Today!

Unit leaders play a critical role in the success of Scouting across Lancaster and Lebanon Counties. Because of your leadership, Scouting continues to grow, serve, and change lives—and we're asking for your help in sharing that story with families.

This year, the Pennsylvania Dutch Council is offering a **brief, 5 to 8 minutes, Annual Scouting Update** that can be included during an upcoming **Blue and Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, or family meeting**. The presentation is designed to be concise, engaging, and family-friendly, highlighting the *State of Scouting*: what's happening nationally, how our local programs are growing, and where Scouting is headed next.

**SCOUTING
UPDATE** 
CHARTING THE COURSE

Campaign

During the update, families will also be given an opportunity to contribute to our **annual Friends of Scouting campaign**, which supports Scouting across Lancaster and Lebanon Counties. This year, we will offer **special recognition for**

families who choose to make a \$250 or more gift in support of Scouting's mission and impact.

Last year alone, our Council served more than **2,400 youth**, completed **38,000+ hours of community service**, welcomed thousands of Scouts to camps at Bashore and Mack, and continued to expand ScoutReach programs that remove barriers to participation. These achievements are made possible by strong units and informed, engaged families.

We understand that unit meeting time is valuable. Presenters will work with unit leaders to ensure the update fits smoothly into the event and adds value for families.

If your unit is planning a Blue and Gold, Court of Honor, or similar gathering, we encourage you to consider welcoming an Annual Scouting Update as we continue **Charting the Course for the next generation of Scouts**.

Susquehanna units should contact Sheila Fasig at Sheila.fasig@scouting.org to schedule.

Iron Forge units should contact Amy Shober at shoberamy@gmail.com to schedule.

Iron Forge District & Susquehanna District News

District Roundtable Meetings - April 2026

Roundtables are held on the first Thursday of each month from September through May. Each District holds a Roundtable to provide leaders with information to help units succeed.

- [Iron Forge District Roundtable](#), April 2nd at the **Camp Mack Training Center**. We hope to see you there! For more info, [Click Here](#).
 - **Hot topic:** Summer Camp Leader Checklist
 - **Breakout Sessions:**
 - **Cub Scouts:** AOL to Scout
 - **Scouts BSA/Crews:** AOL to Scout
- [Susquehanna District Roundtable](#), April 2nd at the **First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg, 7 PM**. For more info, [Click Here](#).
 - **Hot topic:** Future of Co-ed Scouting (and forum presentation on the pilot year)
 - **Breakout Sessions:**
 - **Cub Scouts:** Campfire for Pack Overnight Outings
 - **Scouts BSA/Crews:** Small Unit Dynamics (ILST in a Box)



See you there!

May Roundtable Announcement:

Combined District Roundtable at Camp Mack on May 7, 2026

THEME: U.S.A. 250TH BIRTHDAY

FELLOWSHIP & FOOD BEGINS @ 6:00 PM
CAMPFIRE BEGINS @ 6:50 PM

CHECK IN & FOOD IN DELLINGER LODGE
IN THE CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER: EVERYTHING @ DINING HALL
BRING YOUR "TORCH" AND WEAR YOUR BEST REGALIA

Scouting America
Pennsylvania Dutch Council



Report to the Commonwealth

The 2026 Scouting America Report to the Commonwealth is coming up on **Monday, June 8th.**

The Pennsylvania Dutch Council is looking for several Scouts and leaders to represent our Council for the event. If a Scout, family, or leader is interested in attending, contact your District Executive.

SAVE THE DATE

Scouting America
Report to the Commonwealth
Monday, June 8

Hosted by **Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver**
& **Representative Justin Fleming**



March 2, 2026

Dear Scout,

You're invited to represent your Scout Council at the Pennsylvania Capitol on Monday, June 8, 2026, as Scouting America presents its Report to the Commonwealth!

The Report to the Commonwealth is an annual tradition, and we have been honored to co-host the event together the last several years. We aim to give you a full experience during your time at the Capitol with a tour that will take you to the Governor's Reception Room, as well as the floor of the House of Representatives and the Senate; a press conference where together, you will present the Report to the Commonwealth; and the honor of presenting the Report to the presiding officer during Senate Session.

A handful of Scouts will be selected to speak at the press conference, as well as be part of Senate Session - providing the opening prayer, leading the Senators in the Pledge of Allegiance, presenting the Report, and leading your fellow Scouts in reciting the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

We hope you will join us and other Scouts from across Pennsylvania for this memorable day at our Commonwealth's Capitol. Online registration is open until May 22, 2026, via a link you will receive from your Scout Council.

Sincerely,

Lynda Schlegel Culver

Sen. Lynda Schlegel Culver
Senate of Pennsylvania
27th District

Justin C. Fleming

Rep. Justin Fleming
PA House of Representatives
105th District

SCOUTING AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

2025

LEARNING ☆ ADVENTURE ☆ LEADERSHIP ☆ SERVICE

The Scouting America program is an ongoing adventure that delivers life-changing experiences, teaches a powerful set of real-life skills, and develops fundamental qualities that help more than 45,370 youth in 2,188 local Scouting groups in Pennsylvania become Prepared. For Life.™

45,370

REGISTERED YOUTH

As of December 31, 2025

25,151	Cub Scouts	
18,847	Scouts BSA	
481	Venturers	
891	Explorers	

Prepared. For Service.

Doing service projects together is one way that Scouts of all ages keep their promise to "help other people."

71,727

MERIT BADGES

Prepared. For Learning.

From diverse subjects ranging from American Business to Woodwork, Scouts in Pennsylvania earned

119

young women from Pennsylvania earned the **EAGLE SCOUT** award in 2025.

Prepared. For Adventure.

2,188

local Cub Scout packs, Scouts BSA troops, Venturing crews and Explorer posts, were in operation during 2024.

Prepared. For Leadership.

1,687

Scouts in Pennsylvania earned the **EAGLE SCOUT** award during 2025.

2,538

Pennsylvania Cub Scouts earned the **Arrow of Light, Cub Scouting's highest award**, in 2025.

Prepared. For Life.™

Event Announcements



SCOUTREACH BREAKFAST



ScoutReach Breakfast - April 16

Join us at the Lancaster Country Club for the 19th Annual ScoutReach Breakfast and see how Scouting is reaching youth where they are—building character, leadership, and opportunity across our community.

Register or learn more [here!](#)



Lock it in – Sporting Clays for Scouts is Back!

Take your shot on September 17 at Palmyra Sportsmen's Association. Great competition, great people, and a great cause. Plus—our annual gun raffle (limited to 600 tickets) and exciting auction items you won't want to miss. Spots fill fast—grab yours today.

Find out more [here!](#)

Scout Shop Feature



Baseball Scout Nights 2026

LANCASTER STORMERS
SCOUT NIGHT
 Scouting of America
 FRI, JUNE 12TH

SCOUT ME IN!
 Stormers vs. York Revolution

SCOUT NIGHT PACKAGE OPTIONS

BASIC	SLEEPOVER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Game Ticket • Festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Game Ticket • Festival • Sleepover • Breakfast • Dinner • Breakfast • Dinner • Breakfast • Dinner • Breakfast • Dinner
\$17.50	\$32.50

Get your tickets by scanning this QR code or by filling out and returning the enclosed form below.

Gates for festival open at 5:00pm and the Game takes place at 6:45pm.

Please make checks payable to: **Lancaster Stormers**

Pack Name _____
 Contact Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Please return this completed form with your payment to:
 Lancaster Stormers
 850 The Boulevard
 850 North Penn Road, Lancaster, PA 17602
 Tel: 717-398-0808

*All tickets will be digital.
 *Groups of 20+ people will be charged an 18% processing fee.
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Visit us online at www.lancasterStormers.com

The Lancaster Stormers are hosting their annual Scout Night and Sleepover on Friday, June 12th! Save the date and get your tickets today by clicking the link below!

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

2026 NYLT

Learn About the 2026 NYLT Course!

NYLT: National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth with leadership skills and experience that they can apply within their troops and in other situations requiring leadership of self and others. NYLT is a six-day course that emphasizes hands-on learning in a fun, engaging environment. Through a blend of activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and games, participants will develop confidence and leadership abilities while working together as a team.



The 2026 Council NYLT Course will be held over 2 weekends in August. We are looking for Youth to join our staff. In order for a Youth to be eligible to staff NYLT, they must have taken NYLT.

If you know a Scout who would be a great addition to our staff, send their name and contact info to padnylt2026@gmail.com

To learn more, visit [National Youth Leadership Training](#).

2026 Camp News And Resources



Had a Great Time at Camp Bashore's Summer Camp? Seize the Day—Register for 2026!

If your unit had an awesome experience at camp this summer, why not lock in the fun for next year? It's never too early to secure your spot for the 2026 season at Bashore Scout Reservation!

[CLICK HERE](#) to make your 2026 Summer Camp reservation at Camp Bashore.

[Visit the Bashore Webpage](#)

Don't Forget to Register Your Pack for Camp!

Friendly reminder that registrations for Camp Mack are **May 15th!** All sessions currently have room, but registrations are coming in each day. To register your pack, go to [Tentaroo today!](#)

To schedule, reach out to **Ben Wohlberg** at campdirector@campmack524.org



Looking for a Summer Work Experience?

We currently have open positions for both youth and adults on our summer camp staff. If you or a scout you know is looking for a rewarding experience this summer to help scouts learn new skills and just have fun, have them contact our camp director, Ben Wohlberg, at campdirector@campmack524.org.

We have openings for the following positions:

- Counselors in Training (age 14+, this is a volunteer position)
- Program Instructors (ages 15 – 17)
- Area Directors for our Campcraft, Nature, STEM, Assistant Aquatics (ages 18+)
- Aquatics Director (ages 21+, will need to commit to a week of training at National Camping School, costs covered by the camp)

Applications can be found [HERE](#)

Electricity Use Changes

Due to the constraints of our electrical system and the hazards of extension cords in camp sites, both Camp Mack and Camp Bashore have instituted a new policy concerning use of electricity. Our leaders who use a CPAP machine should plan on using battery power for their machines. More specific information can be found starting on page 17 of our [adult guide](#).

Questions? Contact our Camp Director, Ben Wohlberg at campdirector@campmack524.org.

Friends of Camp Mack

Friends of Camp Mack, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the program and property of J. Edward Mack Scout Reservation. The objectives and purpose of the Friends of Camp Mack is to:

- Identify, grow, and coordinate a network of current and former staff members, campers, and supporters of the J. Edward Mack Scout Reservation – that would be YOU!
- Support camp property preservation and improvements via financial, material, and labor donations and fundraising efforts.
- Aid in the promotion of J. Edward Mack Scout Reservation programs through like donations.
- Sponsor social and service events open to supporters and the public that focus on supporting the J. Edward Mack Scout Reservation.
- Engage in other activities related to the maintenance, sustainability, preservation, and promotion of J. Edward Mack Scout Reservation.



If you would like to join our mission to preserve and maintain this special place, become a Friend of Camp Mack! To join, click [HERE](#).

And when you join, you can show your pride as a Friend of Camp Mack with some awesome merchandise! Click [HERE](#) to check out our Friends of Camp Mack store and place your order today. All proceeds from the sale of Friends of Camp Mack merchandise will go directly to support the camp.

Whether you're a member or not, you are invited to join us at any of our upcoming service days as we get Camp Mack into shape for the spring and summer season. We have lots of projects of varying skill levels around camp, and lunch will be included!

- **Friday, April 3 (Good Friday) - 8 AM to 3 PM (Like to paint? We are giving the inside of the Training Center a fresh look and need lots of helping hands! We'll have other projects going on that day too if painting isn't your thing.)**
- **Saturday, April 11 - 8 AM to 3 PM**
- **Friday, May 1 - 8 AM to 3 PM**

If you are able to attend one of our upcoming days, please email ericshaefriendsofcampmack.org to let us know so we can plan accordingly!

To learn more about The Friends of Camp Mack, visit our website at www.friendsofcampmack.org

Upcoming Events

April

- **April 11:** Iron Forge District Merit Badge College at Bashore*
- **April 11:** Susquehanna District Pinewood Derby at Camp Mack
- **April 16:** ScoutReach Breakfast
- **April 17-19:** Bashore Pre-Camp Leaders Meeting Weekend

May

- **May 2-3:** Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)
- **May 21:** Annual Golf Classic for Scouts
- **May 28:** Iron Forge District Awards Celebration

June

- **June 5-6:** Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)
- **June 12:** Lancaster Stormers Scout Night

***More info coming soon!**

To find out about additional events, please click on the **Council Calendar** button below.

PA DUTCH COUNCIL CALENDAR

Friends of Scouting 2026

**Friends of Scouting
Annual Campaign**

**WE ARE...
"SCOUTING AMERICA"**

**SCOUTING
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CHARTING THE COURSE

Campaign

To make automatic payments using your bank account or credit card, please contact Lauren Bowen at lauren.bowen@scouting.org or call 717-553-4210.

[DONATE HERE](#)

Order of the Arrow - Wunita Gokhos Lodge

Upcoming Events:

- OA Fellowship Weekend - April 24-26, J. Edward Scout Reservation
- OA Spring Ordeal - May 15-17
- OA Section E11 Conclave - May 29-31

[Click Here](#) for additional details about upcoming events, service opportunities, registration link, and current newsletter.



Scout Shop

Pennsylvania Dutch Council, BSA

General Information

In-Store shopping hours are:

Monday to Friday 10:30 am - 4:30 pm

Scout Shop Associates and Support Staff will be available by appointment
Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 10:30 am.

Can't make it into the store? Call 717.553.4200 or email **BOTH**
tanya.hanna@scouting.org AND robin.kotzmoyer@scouting.org

DID YOU KNOW... Your order can be filled and shipped directly to your home or
business. A shipping and handling fee will be applied to your purchase.

A credit card is required for payment.

3% Credit Card Processing Fees Apply To The Following Transactions:

- Registrations
- Fall and spring product fundraisers
- Camp related events or training programs
- Replenishment of unit accounts



Thank you for understanding that as a nonprofit **we** cannot continue to incur these
additional banking surcharges associated with credit card transactions.



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