



THE TAC DISPATCH

Council Camps receive National Accreditation

This past summer, both Camp Alpine and Camp Volcano received their National Camp Accreditation. Camp Accreditation shows that leadership teams strive to follow a set of National Camp standards set forth by the BSA.

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America's National Camp Accreditation Program (NCAP) is to help councils elevate camps to new levels of excellence in delivering Scouting's promise to youth. Councils will engage in a rigorous review of camps and properties, continuous improvement, and correction or elimination of substandard practices.

Additionally, Camp Alpine served nearly 500 scouts and Camp Volcano served nearly 400 scouts over June, July and August. Between the two camps, it is estimated that nearly 3,000 merit badges were earned while participants enjoyed their time in the Alps and along the Mediterranean Sea.

Keep an eye out on www.tac-bsa.org for the release of next year's summer camp dates so that your units can start planning for next summer. Furthermore, both camps will be looking for staff soon, so be sure to keep an eye out for summer camp staff applications for both camps on our website.

Both teams worked hard to deliver quality programs at camp, and their efforts were rewarded by achieving their accreditation status. Congratulations Camp Alpine and Camp Volcano!



Camp Director Garrett Lamberth and Program Director Jude Michell with National Camp School Inspector Scott Hooper at Camp Alpine, 2018



Camp Director Rodney Henk and Program Director Jannette Nabinger with National Camp School Inspector and TAC Commissioner Scott Hooper at Camp Volcano, 2018

Upcoming Important Dates

- **Current -Nov 1, 2018:** Membership Campaign: Girls are now accepted into Cub Scouts
- **Aug. 24-26, 2018:** Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship Weekend: Camp Freedom, Germany
- **Sep. 1 - Nov. 30, 2018:** Scout-A-Thon
- **Sep. 23-25, 2018:** Meuse-Argonne 100th Anniversary Remembrance Camporee: Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, France
- **Nov. 16-18, 2018:** Cub Scout Day Camp School, District Committee Workshop, Order of the Arrow Lodge Leadership Development: Camp Freedom, Germany

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Philmont 2019



Enjoy the high adventure experience of a lifetime by joining fellow Transatlantic Council Scouts for next summer's trip (first two weeks of August 2019) to Philmont Scout Ranch.

Philmont, BSA's largest High Adventure Base and one of the largest youth camps in the world, is located in the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rocky Mountains of northern New Mexico.

Join your crew for an awesome 12-day trek exploring the natural beauty of the mountain wilderness found within Philmont, including the iconic Tooth of Time peak found on Philmont's coveted Arrowhead Award patch that you've probably seen proudly worn by fellow Scouts' and Scouters' uniforms all over the world.

Over the course of the demanding backpacking trek, each crew member has the opportunity to hone their fundamental scout skills and work as a team to overcome challenges along the way. With other members of the Council's contingent, you will select an itinerary that can range anywhere from 56 to 106 miles in length over your 12-day adventure. With over 50 trail camps and 35 staffed-camps on the property, you can make your adventure whatever you want it to be.

Beyond backpacking, a variety of programs truly enhance the Philmont experience to make it an adventure of a lifetime, including the following and many more... For the daring, you can go rock climbing in Cimmaroncito and mountain biking at Whiteman Vega. For the history buffs, you can fire a .58 caliber black powder rifle and practice blacksmithing at the homesteading camp of Black Mountain. For the STEM-inclined, you can see a Tyrannosaurus rex footprint and learn about geology at Baldy Camp. For the ambitious, you can try panning for gold at French Henry. For the culinary enthusiasts, you can make a chuck wagon dinner at Ponil and drink the best root beer you've ever had at the cantina in Abreu. For the daydreamers, you can get your Cowboy On by riding horses at Beaubien and learning how to properly rope cattle. For the competitive, you can shoot .30-06 rifles at Sawmill's and 12 gauge shotguns at Harlan. And lastly, for those in search of tranquility after a hard day, you can try fly-fishing at the beautiful Fish Camp.

As the streams, hills, and canyons at Philmont are teeming with wildlife, you may encounter deer, elk, coyote, antelope, mountain lion, buffalo, beaver, wild turkey, bear and many others during your stay. Your ranger guide will help prepare you for the safest and most respectful way to handle and/or prevent such encounters.

As conservation of the natural beauty and history of the Ranch is paramount, each crew will have the opportunity to participate in the longstanding scout tradition of working with Philmont conservationists to help preserve one of BSA's greatest treasures for generations to come.

Lastly, the greatest aspect of this lifetime opportunity to attend Philmont is Fellowship. The friendships you'll make with your crew will prove to be unforgettable. The experiences you share at campfires and activities all over Philmont with other crews from across America and visiting from around the world will let you take part firsthand in Lord Baden Powell's original vision for the Scout Movement.

Registration is still available for our Philmont 2019 contingent. Space is filling up fast, so make sure you reserve your spot ASAP at <https://www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/Philmont2019>.



Out and About in TAC

Scouts spent their summer going kayaking, climbing mountains, enjoying camps, and all around spending a whole lot of time outside!

We enjoyed hearing the adventures of scouts completing historic trail hikes here in TAC as well as hearing about scouts attending stateside camps including The Summit, Philmont, and Florida's Sea Base!

We loved seeing a whole new group of youth become trained in leadership skills at National Youth Leadership School at Gilwell Park in the beginning of August.

Keep up the good work!



Normandy Camporee 2019 Fees Announced

We have worked through the April 12-14, 2019 Normandy Camporee budget and have worked out the fees for the event. The Bungalow Reservations will open October 1, 2018, so new families joining have an equal opportunity to register. Campsite reservations will open in December. Reservations need to be as accurate as possible since refunds are time consuming and will incur a minimum administrative cost of 15% of the total refund. There is plenty of room at both campgrounds for camping, so there is no "first come, first served."

All camporee participants will have a fee associated with the event due to all of the shared logistical costs. Entry to all camporee events will be controlled with a security system and we will only issue badges to those who have registered with their unit.

Camping Fees: (2 nights at Camping Port'land or Omaha Beach Campground) will be \$80 per person. Extra Night Camping fee is \$15 per person.

Off-Site Participant Activity Fee (For those making their own reservations at hotels/guesthouses/etc): \$40 per person.

Bungalow Fees are for 2 nights (Fri-Sat) with an option to stay extra nights and an option to pay in 3 payments. The fees are as follows: 4 Person Bungalow \$460, extra night is \$140; 5 Person Bungalow \$525, extra night is \$200; 6 Person Bungalow \$600, extra night is \$250; 7 Person Bungalow, \$640 extra night is \$250; 8 Person Bungalow \$680 extra night is \$250.

Messengers of Peace Dinner \$3.50 per person. **Unit Fee with wreath for American Cemetery Ceremony** \$100; **Unit Fee no wreath or flowers at American Cemetery** \$25.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Normandy Camporee in 2019!

Day Camps Across TAC make lasting memories for Cubs!

Barbarossa, Edelweiss and Mediterranean Districts held successful Cub Day Camps this past summer. All day camps consisted of an all-volunteer staff of adults.

Barbarossa Day Camp had a Space Defenders theme, and Edelweiss worked with a Bavarian Knights theme. Cub participants enjoyed shooting sports, derbies and other sport activities, learned about nature, worked on crafts, and enjoyed special activities designed for their advancements. Participants made friends and memories at their Day Camps.

Over in the Mediterranean District, Pack 007 Cubmaster Rhys Parker tells us that "volunteers organized Cub Camp Volcano. Volunteers from Packs 007, 236, & 076 delivered a fun-filled experience to participating Cubs with a robust program that included Aquanaut, shooting sports (to include archery, slingshots, and BB guns), as well as hiking Mt. Faito while taking in breathtaking views of the Amalfi coast. There was even a friendly game of Cubs vs Adults in soccer (and all participants were kind)! In true Scouting tradition, the campfire provided an opportunity to share the Scouting spirit while the Cubs and Adult Leadership participated in skits and consumption of s'mores! Cubs and adults from all Packs had a blast and look forward to future Mediterranean District Camp opportunities."

We hope to have more Cub Day Camp opportunities next summer - if you are interested in becoming trained to help lead a Cub Day Camp, make plans to attend our National Camp School training for Day Camp on November 16-18, 2018 at Camp Freedom (near Oberdachstetten/Ansbach) in Germany.



Combined Federal Campaign helps Transatlantic Council

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is a 56-year United States Federal workplace giving tradition that has raised more than \$8 billion for charitable organizations. It is one of the largest workplace giving campaigns in the world. The funds raised each fall through this campaign help neighbors in need around the corner, across the nation and throughout the world.

Here at TAC, we rely on fundraising to help meet our budget goals every year in order to continue to provide a quality scouting program for our youth in the 3 continents that TAC currently serves. Along with Friends of Scouting, we rely on the generosity of those who contribute to us through the CFC. As we enter into the Fall season, we would like to encourage those who are inclined to donate to CFC to support TAC at CFC #11677.

REMINDERS

Online registration is now mandatory for all new applicants - see <http://tac-bsa.org/resources/registration/> for additional information and a how-to PowerPoint aid. As we get closer to Registration Season, remember that we want to use online applications for every new youth and adult registered. Every unit has available a personalized URL they can send out to prospective new recruits and then have them sign-up to your unit directly online. Want to know where to find yours? **Units can access their URL and QR codes by logging in to My.Scouting Tools and selecting Invitation Manager in the menu list.** In the right corner, click on the link that says "URL". From there you can access a link as well as your own Recruitment QR code!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW COMMITTEE

The National Order of the Arrow Committee after months of collaborative work with ceremonialists and lodge leadership representatives announces the following policy change. This policy change will apply to ALL Order of the Arrow lodges and chapters.

We know that lodges and chapters are frequently asked to perform Arrow of Light and crossover ceremonies for Cub Scout packs, which is an appropriate service in support of our packs. That said, we have had many complaints surrounding these ceremonies from various American Indian tribes due to the manner in which they are conducted as well as the inconsistent nature in which they are performed.

Beginning January 1, 2019 lodges and chapters that are asked to conduct Arrow of Light or crossover ceremonies for Cub Scout packs will only be permitted to conduct them using the new approved official ceremonies which can be found at <http://tac-bsa.org/programs/oa/>. These ceremonies are to be conducted in a Scout uniform and are no longer permitted to be done in American Indian regalia.

Are you interested in helping with our newsletter? Email Jannette.Nabinger@scouting.org!

Looking Ahead- Meuse-Argonne Camporee, Training Weekend Blitz, OA Lodge Leadership Development, BSA Today Videos

The Transatlantic Council is proud to offer a camporee at the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, France. This camporee will pay special attention to the observance of the 100-year anniversary since the end of the Meuse-Argonne Battle. Units will be able to camp on the cemetery grounds and assist in the weekend's activities. Scouts can also complete the requirements for the Sgt. York Historical Trail. Registration for the September 21-23, 2018 Meuse-Argonne Camporee is now open. Click here to register: <http://tac-bsa.kintera.org/MeuseArgonne>

This year, we are excited to offer a Training Weekend Blitz on November 16-18, 2018. We will be offering National Camp School for Cub Scout Day Camp and a District Committee workshop. Additionally, the Order of the Arrow is having its annual Lodge Leadership Development. The Training Weekend Blitz and LLD will take place at Camp Freedom in Oberdachstetten, Germany.

BSA Today produced a wonderful video on welcoming girls in Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA - be sure to watch it at https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=7qHFBO3a_nY.