



Scouter's Annual Conference

What is SAC?

The Scouter's Annual Conference is an opportunity for Scouters throughout the Transatlantic Council to get together, have fun, and learn! At SAC you will learn new ways to implement scouting in your units, talk to and meet Transatlantic Council's experienced and also professional Scouters, and share what you've learned with others. If you have any questions about this year's event please email Jessica Curtis at rheingoldtraining@tac-bsa.org.

When and Where is SAC?

The Scouter's Annual Conference is in Oberammergau, Germany, on March 14-16, 2014, at the NATO school complex. The address is Am Rainenbichl 54, 82487.

Accommodations.

Scouters are responsible for their own accommodations. There are a variety of hotels and Gasthauses to choose from in and around Oberammergau (see booking.com). Military affiliated (with ID) attendees can also book a room through the NATO School Billeting Office. Rates vary with selected accommodations. You can email them at billeting@natoschool.nato.int or call them +49 (0) 8822-9481-NATO (6286).

2014 Course List

Friday Session:

- The Trainer's EDGE: The required train the trainer course for Woodbadge and NYLT staff.

Saturday Sessions:

- Session 1
 - Pack Advancement and Record Keeping: This class is for anyone interested in pack advancement. We will go over keeping unit records, what and how to send those records to TAC, and BSA pack advancement rules.
 - Spotlight on the New BSA Merit Badges: Learn all about the new merit badges and their requirements!
 - CyberChip: Today's youth are spending more time than ever using digital media for education, research, socializing, and fun. To help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online, the Boy Scouts of America introduces the Cyber Chip. Learn about this great program!
 - 2014 Venture Program Changes: The Venture program is changing! Find out how and when in this class.

Families.

There is plenty to do and see in the Oberammergau area. Check out these sites for more information.

<http://www.ammergauer-alpen.de/oberammergau/>
<http://www.oberammergau-info.de/index.php/de/>

Transatlantic Council Dinner.

There will be a Saturday evening dinner for all attendees and their families. We will recognize the recipients of this year's Silver Beaver Awards as well as other recognitions. The dinner will be at the individual's expense. More details to follow.

- **Unit Committee Best Practices:** Discussions on the roles and responsibilities of the unit committee and successful implementation of them.
- **First Aid/ AED and CPR (all day class, \$22.50 per person surcharge):** Get your Red Cross certification! First Aid / AED and CPR training is a required prerequisite to taking Wilderness Remote First Aid and required for two leaders on a Philmont Trek. BSA strongly recommends that everyone be trained in first aid and CPR.
- **Fundamentals of Training (5 session class):** This is the first part of the three-part train the trainer continuum (T3) in Scouting and is intended for both youth and adult trainers. This session is designed to introduce new Scouting trainers to teaching techniques and skills.
- **Session 2**
 - **How to Conduct a Pinewood Derby:** Like many popular Scouting programs, the pinewood derby began at one unit and spread nationwide like wildfire. The grassroots program—because of its very nature, its inherent merit, and the fact that it is just plain fun—went from one father’s idea at a California Cub Scout pack to sweeping the nation in the early 1950s. This module will teach you the history and help you host a derby of your own.
 - **What is Boy Led:** One of BP’s finest creations is The Patrol Method. Learn some new ways to implement ‘boy led’ in your troop.
 - **Recharter 2014:** Get your questions answered! This class will take you step by step through the recharter process.
- **Normandy 2014:** A question and answer session about Normandy and the Omaha Beach Camporee.
- **Introduction to Exploring Clubs and Posts:** Find out what Exploring Clubs and Posts can do for your community.
- **Session 3**
 - **Den Leader Talk:** A question and answer session about being a den leader and keeping it fun.
 - **Troop Advancement and Record Keeping:** Learn best practices for troop advancement! We will discuss BSA advancement rules, paperwork, and how to send your records to TAC.
 - **Using Pioneering in Your Unit:** The class will review basic pioneering skills (knots, lashings, construction techniques, etc.) and then show how they can be applied to group team building challenges to help develop leadership skills.
 - **International Scouting:** Learn the similarities and differences between Scouting in the US and Europe, the opportunities to interact with Scouts from Host Nation (Events, Camp Sites, Peace Light, Intercamp, JOTA-JOTI), and how to prepare and run a joint activity with a Host Nation unit.
 - **Boards of Review:** Discussion if the troop’s advancement committee responsibility in conducting quality rank advancement boards of review for all ranks including the Eagle rank.

Courses Continued.

- **Session 4**
 - **Blue and Gold Ceremonies:** Learn new ideas to make this once a year event memorable and successful.
 - **Merit Badge Counselor Training (2 session class):** This merit badge counselor orientation presentation provides new and prospective merit badge counselors with the basic knowledge and skills needed to get started, and can serve as a refresher to veterans.
 - **TAC Budget:** A question and answer session about the TAC budget; where the money comes from and where it goes.
 - **Leave No Trace (3 session class):** In the Leave No Trace Awareness Workshop, you will learn the basics of Leave No Trace, and how it fits into the BSA program. Through hands-on exercises you will also get ideas on teaching LNT in your unit.
 - **Planning and Executing a Successful Roundup:** Roundups are great recruiting tools! Find out how to run a successful one in your area.
- **Session 5**
 - **Summer Camp 2014:** A question and answer session about the summer camps offered in TAC.

TAC Scout Shop.

The Scout Shop is coming to SAC on Saturday.
Bring your shopping lists!

Scoutmaster’s Corner.

Back by popular demand! Experienced Scoutmasters will be available throughout the day Saturday to answer your questions or just to ‘talk shop’.

- Life to Eagle: This class is for parents, scouters, Eagle Mentors, and anyone else wanting to explore the Eagle process. We will go over the Eagle Workbook, application, and advancement requirements.
- Mentoring: Mentoring is an opportunity to help a person grow through discovery. This session will address various mentoring models and ways to be a mentor to Scouts and Scouters.
- **Session 6**
 - Internet Advancement: Using the internet advancement system is essential for getting your unit's records to TAC. Learn the in's and out's here.
 - Scoutmaster Conferences: This course reviews the requirements and purpose of Scoutmaster's conferences and explores ways to make the conferences valuable to both the Scout and the Scoutmaster. Ideas for and approaches to Scoutmaster's conferences for Scouts all the way through Eagle will be presented.
 - Journey to Excellence 2014: Learn about the JTE changes in 2014 and what the program is all about.
 - The Order of the Arrow and your Unit: This session discusses the benefits to the individual and unit as a result of the Order of the Arrow's influence in your unit.
 - Poisonous Plants and Animals of Europe: Learn about local poisonous plants and animals and how to identify them.

- Stop Bullying Now: The values of Scouting make it clear that bullying cannot be tolerated. Scouting leaders have a unique opportunity to teach respect and acceptance of others.
- Webelos to Scout Transition: It is a big jump from being a Webelos Scout and joining a Troop and becoming a Boy Scout. The session will discuss ways to prepare the Webelos Scout and his parent so the transition can be fun and meaningful.
- Recruiting Great Scout Leaders: Gain some new insights on how to get and keep volunteers.
- Eagle Rank Paperwork and Procedures: This class will explore BSA and TAC procedures for the Eagle rank process and is recommended for the troop advancement committee.



Sunday Sessions:

- **Session 1**
 - Planning and Conducting a Safe Scout Outing: An explanation of the sandwich principle and emphasis on the importance of qualified supervision and discipline are at the core of this training.
 - Enhancing Communication in your Unit: Communicating effectively with our scouts, adult leaders, and parents can be challenging at times. This class will explore communication techniques that will help improve the flow of information in your unit.
 - The History of Scouting: Learn how scouting started in the U.S. and Europe.
 - Planning District/Area Roundtables: Roundtables are a great way to pass information to units. This class will discuss the planning and how to make them successful.
 - The Den Chief Role Model: Learn why and how the Den Chief is a vital resource to you, the Den Leader. We will discuss your Den Chief's roles and responsibilities, your commitment to your Den Chief and his leadership growth, how to communicate to your Den Chief, and what expectations you and he should have for his success.
- **Session 2**
 - Unit Fundraising: This class provides great information and ideas on fundraising overseas for your unit.

Registration.

Register online at: <http://tac-bsa.kintera.org/sac2014>

- **Friday Session: \$15** (program materials included, lunch not included)
- **Saturday Sessions: \$30** (lunch, program materials, and snacks included)
 - **Special Note:** Saturday FA/CPR course is not included in the regular fee. The course is \$22.50 per person (max of 10 participants). Payment instructions will be given after sign up.
- **Sunday Sessions: \$15** (lunch, program materials, and snacks included)