



LION: Lion is a national pilot program of the Boy Scouts of America for kindergarten-age boys. The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to help young people build character, learn citizenship, develop personal fitness, become effective leaders, and have fun in the outdoors. Cub Scouting is a program of the Boy Scouts of America for boys in the first through fifth grades. The Lion pilot is exploring the value of a Scouting program for kindergarten-age boys. (Boys must be 5 years old by September 1.)

OVERVIEW: Lion is a family-oriented program. A youth and his parent or caring adult partner join Scouting together. A group of six to eight boys and their adult partners meet together in a group called a den. Dens will meet approximately twice per month. They have fun participating in den meetings and outings while making memories together.

PROGRAM: The Lion pilot encourages boys to learn and explore through hands-on, high-energy activities. Adult partners take turns leading a den meeting or outing during the year. Most meetings last approximately 45 minutes to an hour; outings are slightly longer.

RECOGNITIONS: Boys are recognized for their accomplishments as they work toward the Lion badge. The Lion badge is earned by completing five adventures. Adventures are completed during the den meetings and outings. When an adventure is completed, the youth receives a sticker to put in his Lion Adventure Book.

LEADERSHIP: Den meetings and outings are facilitated by a Lion guide and participating parents. The Lion guide is an experienced Cub Scout leader. He or she will lead the first den meeting of the year. The Lion guide will help each adult partner lead one of the remaining meetings. The den meeting plans are provided in the Lion Parent and Leader Guidebook.

The Palmetto Council has been approved as a pilot council for the Lions Program. The council will be approving units to participate in the pilot program. If your unit wishes to apply, please visit www.palmettocouncil.org/lions.



2016-2017 PALMETTO COUNCIL PLANNING GUIDE



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

WWW.PALMETTOCOUNCIL.ORG/PROGRAM-KICKOFF

THE IDEAL YEAR OF SCOUTING

THE PALMETTO COUNCIL

A JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE GOLD COUNCIL

PLANNING & BUDGET

- **DEVELOPING YOUR PROGRAM:** Hold a brainstorming session with your youth and make a list of activities. Include a wide range of activities like field trips, campouts, and service projects. At this point, everything goes on the board—no evaluation happens.
- **EVALUATE:** The unit committee evaluates each suggestion and presents an “approved” list to the unit.
- **DRAFT THE PLAN:** Put together a draft of your annual program calendar. Then finalize the plan with a budget to support those events; sharing this information with the youth and families so they can plan their schedule around unit events. Be sure to use the district and council calendar to help assist your planning.

WHAT JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE BRINGS TO YOUR UNIT

- **A FRAMEWORK FOR PLANNING:** Journey to Excellence (JTE) standards are based on what successful units do to continually improve. If your unit plans to achieve Gold or Silver ranking, you’ll have a strong and active program.
- **A METHOD FOR EVALUATION YOUR UNIT:** JTE provides tangible measurements based on things you are likely already tracking, such as how many campouts you have, how many youth are advancing, etc., and uses simple ways to calculate your performance.
- **GUIDANCE:** As you track your performance against JTE standards, you can easily see where you could do better.
- **EARLY WARNINGS:** You track any area where your unit is not performing as you might like and have plenty of time to make corrections.

FUNDING THE ADVENTURE

So you’ve got a great program plan in place...but now how are you going to pay for it? To get started download the Pack/Troop budget planner at www.palmettocouncil.org/program-kickoff. Here are three steps for a successful fundraising campaign.

1. Establish an annual plan and budget using the Pack/Troop Budget Planner.
2. Determine the expenses from all activities, advancements, camping and training your unit wants to do, then decide how much popcorn your unit must sell to cover the expenses.
3. Set a unit fundraising goal and break down to a per-Scout-goal based on your budget

BSA FORMS & DATA

During the course of each year, units will recruit new boys, train new leaders, have boys advance, and provide community service. Listed below are resources so that you can report your unit’s information.

- **ADVANCEMENT:** Advancement records can be updated two ways. You can either turn in an Advancement Report OR you can link your unit’s scoutbook/packmaster/troopmaster software to report the data using your Unit ID via Internet Advancement. To learn how to use your Unit ID, contact the Council Registrar. **Regardless of how you report the data, you will need to provide a copy of the report when purchasing your advancements.**
- **SERVICE HOURS:** Service Hours can be recorded online at servicehours.scouting.org OR via your My.Scouting.org account. To record hours, you will need your Unit ID to establish an account. To find your ID, contact the Council Registrar.
- **ADULT TRAINING:** Using my.scouting.org, unit Key 3’s can track the training for their unit. To update your records, contact your respective District Executive.

OUR WEBSITE

VISIT WWW.PALMETTOCOUNCIL.ORG

- Find contact information for staff members.
- For Council / District / Skyuka Lodge / Training Calendars
- Register for upcoming activities, camps and trainings
- Reserve Camp Bob Hardin/Camp Conley Clarke for off-season camping
- Find all BSA forms
- Popcorn & Camp Card sales information

OUR CONTACT

CONTACT INFORMATION

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 PALMETTOCOUNCIL.ORG

OUR SCOUT SHOP

THE PALMETTO SCOUT SHOP

- Location: 420 S. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306
- Hours: M-Th (9-5), Fri (9-4:30), Sat (10-2)
- The Palmetto Scout Shop does NOT charge sales tax.
- Orders: To place an order visit, call, or email the store.
- Contact: (864) 515-9732
palmettoscoutshop@scouting.org

OUR CAMP

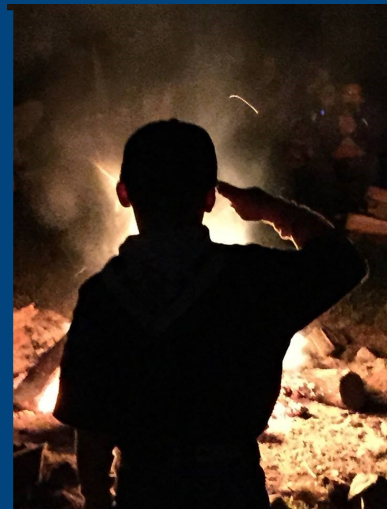
CAMP BOB HARDIN

- Location: 805 Scout Camp Road, Saluda, NC 28773
- Website: www.CampBobHardin.com
- CBH offers a unique mountainous camping experience for Scouts of all ages. Each summer we offer long term camping for Boy Scouts and Resident Camp for Cub Scouts.
- CBH is available for unit events year round. Visit our website to reserve CBH!

JAMBO '17

2017 PALMETTO COUNCIL JAMBOREE CONTINGENT

- July 19-28, 2017 | Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia | Cost: \$1,400
- For more information, visit our informational meetings May 15th at 2:00 pm (Grace Lutheran, Rock Hill, SC) and June 2nd at 7:00 pm (Council Office, Spartanburg, SC)
- To register, visit our website: www.palmettocouncil.org/2017-jamboree-registration



PROGRAMS

AUGUST 2016

OA Summer Ordeal	8/5-7	ALL DISTRICTS
Rocket into Scouting	8/27	Daniel Morgan & York

SEPTEMBER 2016

Rocket into Scouting	9/3	Daniel Morgan & York
Beach Sweep	9/9-11	ALL DISTRICTS
Rocket into Scouting	9/10	Catawba & Three Rivers
Wofford Campout	9/17	Daniel Morgan & Three Rivers
Rocket into Scouting	9/24	Catawba & Three Rivers
Fall Camporee	9/30-10/2	York

OCTOBER 2016

Cub Scout Family Camp	10/1-2	Daniel Morgan & Three Rivers
Scout Blast	10/21-23	Catawba & Three Rivers
Gold Rush	10/28-30	York

NOVEMBER 2016

OA Fall Fellowship	11/4-6	ALL DISTRICTS
Scouting for Food	11/5 & 12	ALL DISTRICTS
Fall Camporee	11/11-13	Daniel Morgan

JANUARY 2017

NESA Banquet	1/7	ALL DISTRICTS
Polar Bear	1/13-15	Catawba, Three Rivers & York
Carolina Indian Seminar	1/20-22	ALL DISTRICTS
Council Banquet	1/21	ALL DISTRICTS
Merit Badge College	1/28	Daniel Morgan

FEBRUARY 2017

OA Banquet	2/4	ALL DISTRICTS
Merit Badge College	2/4	Daniel Morgan
Scout Sunday	2/5	ALL DISTRICTS
Winterfest	2/10-12	Venture Crews/Explorer Post
Stamp Collecting MB	2/18	York

MARCH 2017

Scout Show	3/17-19	Daniel Morgan
Pinewood Derby	3/18	Daniel Morgan
OA Lodge Games	3/24-26	ALL DISTRICTS

APRIL 2017

Pinewood Derby	4/8	York
Spring Camporee	4/21-23	York
Cub Spring Family Camp	4/22-23	Daniel Morgan & Three Rivers
OA Dixie Fellowship	4/28-30	ALL DISTRICTS

MAY 2017

Cub Camporee	5/5-7	York
Pinewood Derby	5/13	Catawba
OA Spring Fellowship	5/19-21	ALL DISTRICTS

JUNE 2017

CBH Week 1	6/11-17	ALL DISTRICTS
Day Camp	6/12-16	Daniel Morgan
CBH Week 2	6/18-24	ALL DISTRICTS
CBH Week 3	6/25-7/1	ALL DISTRICTS

JULY 2017

Cub Resident Camp	7/8-11	ALL DISTRICTS
Cub Resident Camp	7/13-16	ALL DISTRICTS
National Jamboree	7/19-28	BOY SCOUTS



TRAINING

YOUTH PROTECTION

All leaders are required to take Youth Protection Training (YPT) every two years. Adult Leaders without YPT are not allowed to register. YPT can be taken online at my.scouting.org.

ADULT LEADER BASIC TRAINING

LEGEND

DM-Daniel Morgan District // YK-York District // CBH-Camp Bob Hardin // UoS-University of Scouting

Position	Training Needed	Dates & Locations
Cubmaster/ Asst. CM	C40 Cubmaster & Asst. Pos. Specific	9/17 (YK)
Pack Committee/Co. Chair.	C60 Pack Committee Challenge	9/17 (YK)
Den Leader	C42 Den Leader & Asst. Pos. Specific	9/17 (YK)
Scoutmaster/ Asst. SM	S24 Scoutmaster Specific Training	9/10 (DM), 2/4 (DM), 3/11 (UoS)
	S11 Intro to Outdoor Leadership Skills	10/7-9 (CBH), 5/5-7 (CBH)
Troop Committee/Co. Chair	WS10 Troop Committee Challenge	
Crew Advisor/Assoc. Adv.	P21 Venturing Leader Specific Training	

SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING

Program	Training	Dates
Pack	BALOO OWL	10/8 (DM), 3/11 (DM), 5/20 (YK) 10/7-9 (DM), 10/21-23 (YK), 5/5-7 (DM), 5/20 (YK)
ALL	Wood Badge Commissioner Conference Commissioner College University of Scouting	9/16-18 & 10/14-16 (CBH) 2/25 (TBD) 6/2-4 (Black Mountain, NC) 3/11 (Gaffney, SC)

YOUTH TRAINING

Pack	Webelos Woods	10/21-23, 3/3-5
Troop	Scouts Excited About Leadership Skills National Youth Leadership Training	5/5-7 (CBH) 6/5-10 (CBH)

ONLINE TRAINING

To take online training visit my.scouting.org.

TRAINING AWARDS



TRAINING STRIP



DEN LEADER TRAINING AWARD



UNIT LEADER AWARD OF MERIT



TRAINING KEYS



SCOUTER'S TRAINING AWARD

For the latest information on training events, visit the training page at www.palmettocouncil.org