



# Scouting Matters

In Wilkes County!

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## The Calendar:

12-14 October, 2018 – Parent Cub Weekend #1  
**19-21 October, 2018 – Wilkes District Fall Camporee**  
26-27 October, 2018 – Parent Cub Weekend #2  
2 November, 2018 – Popcorn and Prize Orders Due  
3 November, 2018 – Beaver Day  
10 November, 2018 – OA Banquet  
17 November, 2018 – Fundamentals of Training  
22 November, 2018 – Thanksgiving Day  
22-23 November, 2018 – Council Svc Center Closed  
30 Nov – 1 Dec, 2018 – OA Lodge Officer Training  
7 December, 2018 – Popcorn Payments Due  
13 December, 2018 – Coordinated Program Meeting  
24-25 December, 2018 – Christmas  
24-25 – December, 2018 – Council Svc Center Closed  
5 January, 2018 – Camp Staff Interviews  
6 January, 2018 – Scout Family Ski Day  
12 January, 2018 – Wilkes District Banquet  
18 January, 2018 – Silver Beaver Nomination Due  
2 and 9 February, 2018 – Scouting for Food  
3 February, 2018 – Scout Sunday  
10 February, 2018 – Scout Family Ski Day  
23 February, 2018 – Wilkes Merit Badge College

**ALWAYS CHECK THE COUNCIL CALENDAR at:**

<https://www.oldsickorycouncil.org/calendar>

## **YPT TRAINING**

New YPT Training is online and required if you have not had it. Most of the District has not taken the new one, so check your expiration date.

Anyone who has not yet taken the latest version has an expiration date of September 30, 2018.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE ON THIS IMPORTANT TRAINING!**

## **UNIT PINS AND ONLINE REGISTRATION**

beascout.org is a web location where families can find your unit, contact you, and join online! Most of the unit “pins” need to be updated. In addition, the unit leader needs to “turn on” the online registration function. To do that, log into your my.scouting account to check and update your pin and activate this feature. Families will be able to join and pay online!

## **NEW RANK SPECIFIC DEN LEADER GUIDES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!**

Den Meetings are a critical part of the Cub Scout Program. This is where Scouting “happens” for our new families. These new Den Leader Guides have the latest resources to make your Dens successful. In addition to the printed books there is an e-reader version available too. Check it out!

## **CAMPING IN COLD AND WET WEATHER**

Winter can be the best time to camp in North Carolina. (No bugs!!!) But camping in cold or wet weather requires a little extra planning and preparation. Are you familiar with what the Guide to Safe Scouting has to say about Winter Camping? Can you learn how to do it on a budget? What can you teach Scouts about being prepared for it? Did you know that the updated Hazardous Weather Training is required for direct contact leaders? There s always something to learn and teach. Don't let the weather cancel your next outing!

## **APPLICATIONS**

Please make sure you have turned in applications for all of your Scouts as we continue to work on recruiting. We're doing well so far this year, but we need accountability for every registered Scout and Leader! They must be registered to be covered by Council's liability insurance.