



PLANNING CALENDAR

2026–2027

Academic

With suggested
themes and
Scouting dates

Scout Life

Suggested themes

Scout Life magazine suggests monthly themes for units to use while planning meetings and outings. Scouts will read stories related to these themes in the magazine, on scoutlife.org.

September 2026

Pack theme: Camping

Troop theme: Emergency Preparedness

October 2026

Pack theme: Family

Troop theme: Wilderness Survival

November 2026

Pack theme: Conservation

Troop theme: Special Needs Awareness

December 2026

Pack theme: Reverence

Troop theme: Wildlife Management

January 2027

Pack theme: Pinewood Derby

Troop theme: Safety

February 2027

Pack theme: Technology

Troop theme: Engineering

March 2027

Pack theme: Art

Troop theme: Archery

April 2027

Pack theme: Nature

Troop theme: Project

Planning May 2027

Pack theme: Personal Fitness

Troop theme: Camping

June 2027

Pack theme: Games

Troop theme: Multimedia

July 2027

Pack theme: Summertime Fun

Troop theme: Paddle Sports

August 2027

Pack theme: Swimming

Troop theme: Mathematics

September 2027

Pack theme: Camping

Troop theme: Science

October 2027

Pack theme: Family

Troop theme: Geocaching

November 2027

Pack theme: Personal Safety

Troop theme: Outdoor Ethics


December 2027

Pack theme: Reverence

Troop theme: Snowboarding and Skiing

SEPTEMBER 2026

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7  Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	<p>Before planning any activity, check Scouting America's <i>Guide to Safe Scouting</i> to ensure your unit follows Scouting policies and procedures. Read the Scouting Safely page online for guidance on specific activities, and use the SAFE checklist.</p>		



OCTOBER 2026

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Contact <i>Scout Life</i> magazine at scoutlife.org and tell them about your unit's cool outing plans. Your Scouts could be featured in a future issue!</p>				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	 Columbus Day				Jamboree-on-the-Air/ Jamboree-on-the-Internet begins	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Jamboree-on-the-Air/ Jamboree-on-the-Internet ends						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER 2026

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11  Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26  Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30	<p>Scouting America recommends that everyone who participates in a Scouting activity have an annual medical evaluation by a certified and licensed health-care provider: a medical doctor, nurse practitioner or physician assistant. Pay special attention to medical risk factors. Medications should be continued based on your health-care provider's recommendations while you are at Scouting events.</p>				

DECEMBER 2026

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>You can get <i>Scout Life</i> magazine delivered to your door or device for a full year by subscribing at scoutlife.org.</p>		1	2	3	4 Hanukkah begins	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11 Hanukkah ends
	13	14	15	16	17	18
	20	21	22	23	24	25
	27	28	29	30	31	
					 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa begins

JANUARY 2027

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Review Scouting America's Calendar of Religious Observances for dates of religious holidays. To respect the traditions of all Scouts and Scouters, care must be taken in scheduling Scouting activities.					1  New Year's Day Kwanzaa ends	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

FEBRUARY 2027

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Scout Jumuah begins	5 Scout Jumuah ends Scout Sabbath begins	6 Scout Sabbath ends
7 Scout Sunday	8 Scouting America's Birthday	9	10	11	12	13
14	15  Presidents Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth or female adult program participants.					

MARCH 2027

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Get daily Scouting news from the Aaron on Scouting blog at blog.scoutingmagazine.org .		


APRIL 2027

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Consider camping at your local council camp. Many councils offer camping opportunities throughout the year, including camporees. And most council camps will allow units from other councils to camp on their property.				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



MAY 2027

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>One of the easiest ways to recruit new members is to make sure your unit's information is up to date at BeAScout.org, the official Scouting America site that allows members of the public to find Scouting units near them.</p>						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24 31  Memorial Day	25	26	27	28	29

JUNE 2027

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14  Flag Day	15	16	17	18  Juneteenth	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	Discover special awards your Scouts can earn on Scouting America's online awards central page.		

JULY 2027

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Use the SAFE Transportation Checklist and Pre-Trip Inspection in your transportation plans. These lists are designed to help you manage the risks associated with transporting Scouts.</p>				1	2	3
<p>4</p>  <p>Independence Day</p>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

AUGUST 2027

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Scout Scarf Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SEPTEMBER 2027

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Check each national high-adventure base's website for future registration dates and trek information.			1	2	3	4
5	6  Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



OCTOBER 2027

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Shop for uniforms, apparel, camping gear, handbooks, crafts, gifts and more at the Scout Shop, your one-stop shop for all your Scouting needs.					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	 Columbus Day	12	13	14	15 Jamboree-on-the-Air/ Jamboree-on-the-Internet begins	16
17 Jamboree-on-the-Air/ Jamboree-on-the-Internet ends	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

NOVEMBER 2027

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11  Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25  Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28	29	30	<p>Have a one-of-a-kind vacation for adventurers of all ages! Head to Philmont Scout Ranch, the Summit Bechtel Reserve or Sea Base for Family Adventure Camp, which is open to all families, not just Scouts.</p>			

DECEMBER 2027

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Scouting!			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					Hanukkah begins	 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Kwanzaa begins						

Stay in the know

AARON ON SCOUTING

Aaron on Scouting is the official daily blog of *Scouting* magazine. It features breaking news, inspirational stories, program updates and valuable tips. It is one of the most-read blogs among Scouting America's adult leaders, and content is shared in daily email and social media.



SCOUTINGWIRE

Scouting Wire is the official e-newsletter of the Scouting movement. With content including activities, finance, fundraising and leadership training, these weekly and monthly newsletters offer news tailored for volunteers, parents and alumni.

Scout Life

Scout Life, the premier youth magazine of Scouting America, empowers boys and girls to be their best selves today and tomorrow while engaging them with cool facts, fun stories, and entertaining comics and jokes. Scouts can find more online at www.scoutlife.org, including games, contests and quizzes.



Exclusively for National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) members, the *Eagles' Call Insider*, a digital newsletter, is filled with curated Eagle Scout and NESA stories, members-only offers, and invitations to special events to help you stay involved.



Watch Cub Chat Live every Friday at 2 p.m. Central on *Scouting* magazine's Facebook or YouTube channel for useful tips, tricks and ideas to help your den or pack.



Watch Troop Talk Live on the second Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. Central on *Scouting* magazine's Facebook or YouTube channel. *Scouting* magazine editors share useful tips, tricks and ideas to help your troop.

Trek On TUESDAY

Every Tuesday, *Scout Life* editors are jumping on Facebook and YouTube at 2 p.m. Central for a live broadcast. Join the fun, or visit scoutlife.org for archived broadcasts.