



PLANNING CALENDAR

2026 Standard

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.

January 2026

Pack theme: Pinewood Derby

Troop theme: Games

February 2026

Pack theme: Character

Troop theme: Communication

March 2026

Pack theme: Personal Safety

Troop theme: Living History

April 2026

Pack theme: Fishing

Troop theme: Fishing

May 2026

Pack theme: Personal Fitness

Troop theme: Skateboarding

June 2026

Pack theme: Leadership

Troop theme: Hiking

July 2026

Pack theme: Citizenship

Troop theme: Music

August 2026

Pack theme: Cycling

Troop theme: Shotgun Shooting

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 2026

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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>				<p>1</p>  <p>New Year's Day</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>  <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

FEBRUARY 2026

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Scout Jumuah begins	Scout Jumuah ends Scout Sabbath begins	Scout Sabbath ends
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Scouting America's Birthday Scout Sunday						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	 Presidents Day					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

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.

MARCH 2026

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	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!			

APRIL 2026

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
You can get <i>Scout Life</i> magazine delivered to your door or device for a full year by subscribing at scoutlife.org .			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 2026

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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.</p>					1	2
					3	4
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30
 Memorial Day						

JUNE 2026

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	19  Juneteenth	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	<p>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.</p>			

JULY 2026

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  Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			National Jamboree begins			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
					National Jamboree ends	

AUGUST 2026

Theme: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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.</p>						<p>1</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Scout Scarf Day</p>
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	25	26	27	28	29

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	Get daily Scouting news at blog.scoutingmagazine.org .		

OCTOBER 2026

Theme: _____

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

DECEMBER 2026

Theme: _____

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

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 emails and social media.



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.



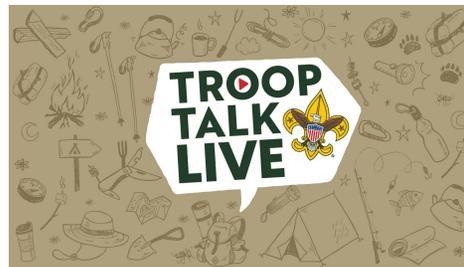
Watch Cub Chat Live every Friday at 2 p.m. Central on *Scouting* magazine's Facebook or YouTube channel for useful tips, tricks and ideas to help your den or pack.

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 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 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.