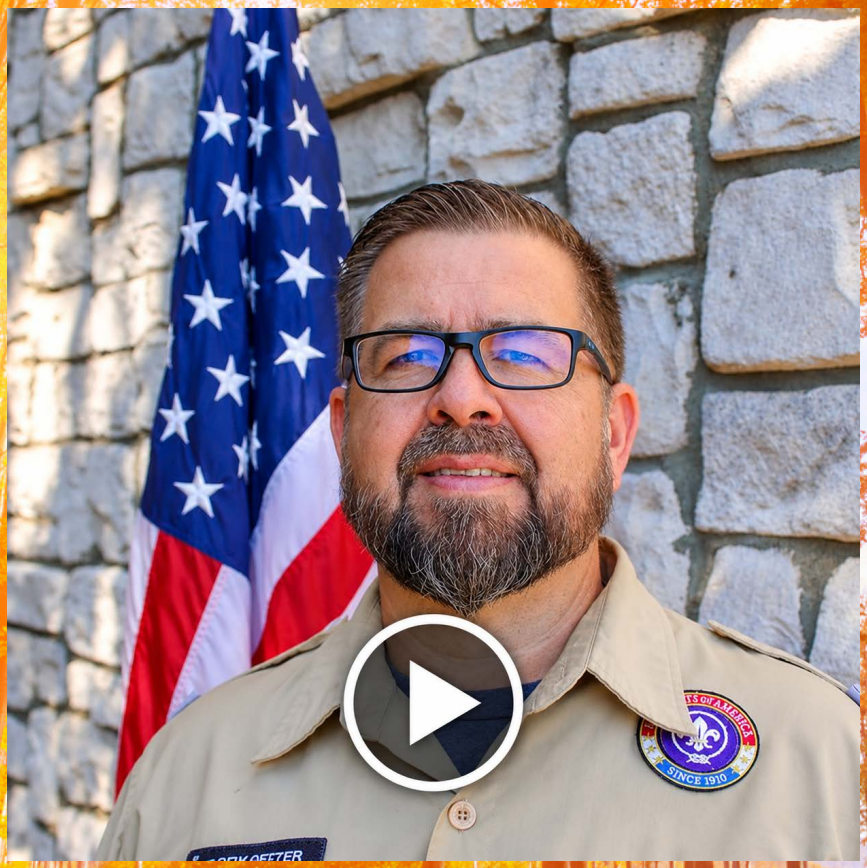
Piedmont PULSE

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The Scout Executive Beat

— HAPPY —
Retirement



37 Years of Dedicated Service to Scouting America

With heartfelt gratitude and deepest appreciation, we celebrate Connie Bowes and 37 remarkable years of dedicated service to Scouting America.

Throughout his career, Connie has devoted his time, talents, and passion to serving youth, supporting volunteers, and strengthening communities across five councils:

- **East Carolina Council**
- **Mecklenburg County Council**
- **Occoneechee Council**
- **Daniel Boone Council**
- **Piedmont Council**

For nearly four decades, Connie has embodied the spirit and values of Scouting through his leadership, mentorship, and unwavering commitment to its mission. His work has helped generations of young people discover their potential, develop strong character, build leadership skills, and achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

Yet, the true measure of Connie's legacy extends far beyond 37 years of service. It can be found in the countless lives he has touched, the volunteers he has encouraged, the friendships he has built, and the opportunities he has helped create for young people to become the leaders of tomorrow.

As Connie begins this exciting new chapter of retirement, we celebrate not only an extraordinary career but also the lasting impact of a life dedicated to making a difference. While his daily work in Scouting may be coming to a close, the legacy he leaves behind will continue to inspire Scouts, volunteers, and fellow Scouting professionals for generations to come.

Connie, thank you for 37 years of service, a lifetime of impact, and an enduring commitment to the Scouting movement. Your dedication has made a difference in more ways than words can express, and we are grateful for everything you have given to Scouting and the young people we serve.

From all of us at Piedmont Council and across the Scouting family, we wish you a retirement filled with happiness, relaxation, new adventures, and time to enjoy the things you love most.

Congratulations on your retirement, Connie! Thank you for a lifetime of making a difference.

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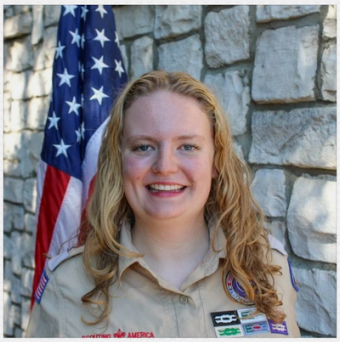
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Campfire Safety: Keep the Adventure Safe!

SUMMARY

Who doesn't love gathering around a glowing campfire after a great day of Scouting? Campfires are a wonderful way to build friendships, share stories, and make lasting memories. However, a great campfire starts with good preparation and responsible fire safety practices. A few simple precautions can help prevent injuries, protect our campsites, and ensure everyone enjoys a safe outdoor adventure.

KEY SAFETY REMINDERS

1. Check Conditions Before Lighting a Fire

Know and follow local campfire regulations and campground rules.
Check for active burn bans and current fire danger, especially during dry or windy conditions.
Consider wind direction and the size of the fire before lighting it.

2. Maintain a Safe Campsite

Use an established fire ring whenever possible and keep fires small and manageable.
Keep campfires at least 15 feet away from tents, shrubs, trees, and other flammable objects, and check for low-hanging branches.
Store matches, lighters, and fire-starting materials in a secure, waterproof container outside tents.

3. Keep the Fire Under Control

Never leave a campfire unattended. Assign a responsible fireguard and make sure everyone understands their role.
Keep water, a shovel, or other appropriate firefighting equipment nearby.
Never add chemicals, accelerants, color-changing products, or other flame-enhancing substances to a campfire. Follow Scouting America's current fire safety guidance.
Avoid cooking over fires where chemicals or additives have been used.

4. Extinguish the Fire Completely

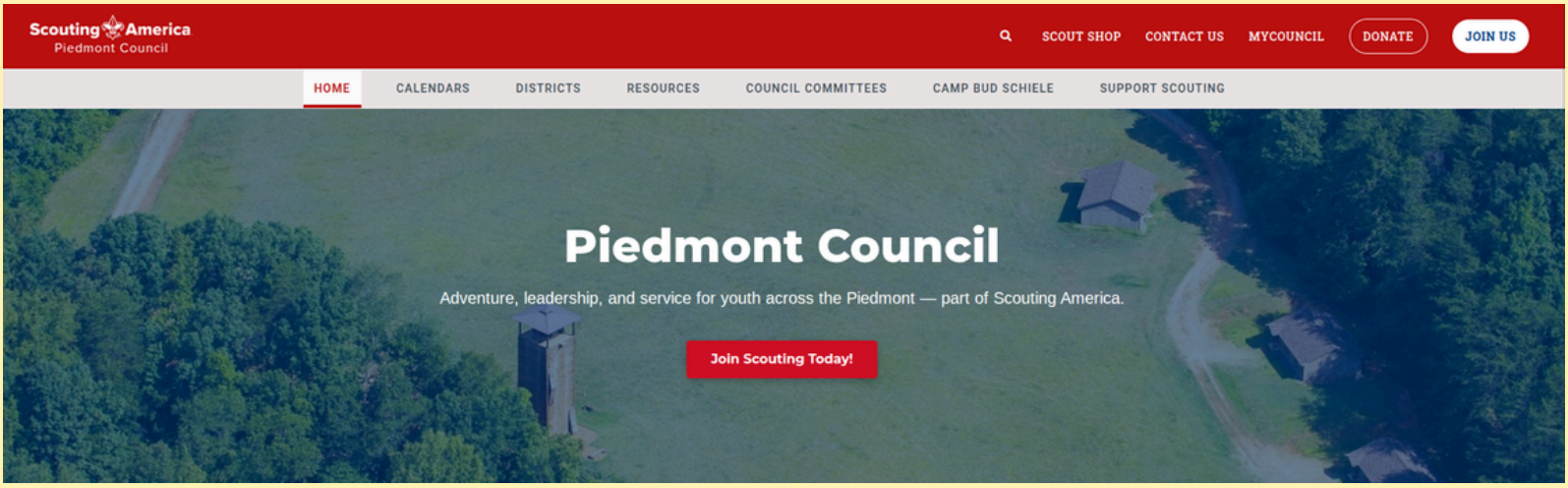
Before leaving the campsite or going to bed, make sure the fire is completely extinguished.
Drown the fire with water, stir the ashes and embers, and add more water as needed.
Carefully check for remaining heat. A fire is not out until the ashes and embers are completely cold.

5. Be Prepared for Emergencies

Know where your fire safety equipment is located before lighting a fire.
If clothing catches fire, remember: STOP, DROP, AND ROLL.
For burns or other injuries, provide appropriate first aid and seek medical assistance when needed.

THE SCOUTING SAFETY TAKEAWAY

A safe campfire is everyone's responsibility. By planning ahead, following fire safety rules, and making sure every fire is completely out, we protect our Scouts, our fellow campers, and the great outdoors.
Before you light it, plan it. Before you leave it, extinguish it.
For more information, review the Scouting America Guide to Safe Scouting and applicable program handbooks.
Scouting America — Prepared. Responsible. Safe.



The Piedmont Council Launches Upgraded Website & Registration Platform

Several months ago we were notified by the third party that has hosted our Council website as well as our online event registration system for many years, that they were closing their doors! Thankfully, we found an amazing company to replace what Tentaroo did for us and have diligently been learning this new system to get it to a place where we could share it with you!

Please add PiedmontCouncilNC.org to your internet bookmarks! We encourage you to go play around on the new site! Do note that this is a small part of a very big project and we understand that there are pieces of the website that have yet to be updated 100%. Know that we are working very hard to correct and add information as we discover it and will continue to do so over time.We look forward to everything this new system has to offer including the event registration side! Some of you have used it for fall events that have already taken place or are coming up! Stay tuned for more information on CouncilWare which will be coming soon!

Thank you in advance for your grace and patience as we learn and build this new system! Be on the lookout for information and opportunities to get to know the new system!
In the meantime, if you have any questions, please email Trilby.Coleman@scouting.org

This upgrade is designed to reduce administrative friction so our adult leaders and parents can focus on delivering high-quality Scouting programs.

Key Features:

- Streamlined Registration: Quick, intuitive, and secure sign-ups for all Council and District events.
- Mobile-Friendly Design: Access critical resources, forms, and event info easily on your phone.
- Enhanced Unit Management: Easier tracking for rosters and group payments for unit leaders.
- Centralized Resources: Simplified navigation makes finding camp reservations and program updates fast.

Use the instructions on the next page to set up your own CouncilWare login:

MyCouncil User Logins

InCouncilWare, you will want to create a MyCouncil User Login – This User Login will give you access to various features in the system. It will remember your event registrations and other orders you place and will give you access to those registrations so you can make payments, manage changes, and other similar items. It will also give you access to Unit and Event DashBoards if you have a specific role. If you were using Tentaroo previously, you used both unit logins and user/family logins – In CouncilWare, each person uses a single login that can make registrations for both units and individuals. There are no "unit logins".

Create your MyCouncil User Login – Go to – https://mycouncil.***piedmontcouncilnc***.org – click Create Login – Enter your first and last name, your email address,and your password and that's all there is to it!

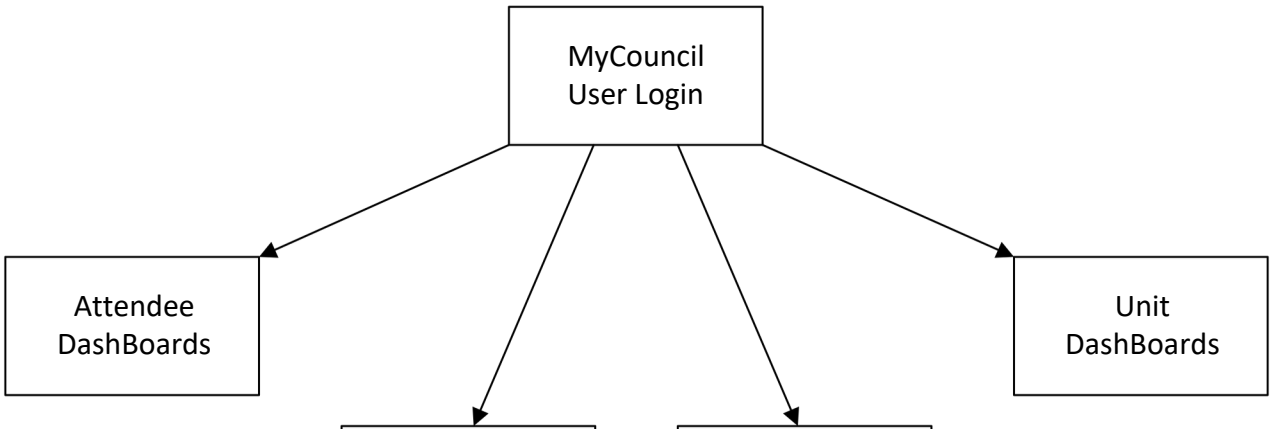
Add more functionality to your User Login…

After your login has been created, click the Account button in the top blue bar of MyCouncil and update your profile – Add your Scouting Member ID, phone number, address and other personal information. The system will allow you to pull this information into your registrations so you won't have to type them all out each time you register for an event.

Add Saved Registrants for even more convenience…

In your profile, you can also add "Saved Registrants". Are you a parent and have children in Scouting? Add their information as a Saved Registrant and you will be able to pull this information into registrations without having to type all the data out each time.

What does your MyCouncil User Login allow you to access?



Attendee DashBoards are your access to information about events that your are personally registered for. Make payments, update contact information, select classes, and activities.

Group DashBoards are the vehicle to access Troop and Pack registrations. Manage members, review scouts' merit badge progress, generate reports, communicate.

If you have a role in an event, perhaps an event coordinator, the Event DashBoard allows you to manage the event and access registrant and activity information.

If you are a leader in a Unit, you may be given access to your Unit's DashBoard. Monitor registrations from unit members, access Group DashBoards for unit registrations. Manage a unit roster to allow for convenient entry into unit based event registrations

Upcoming November Events

2026 Popcorn Information

- **Nov 13th Popcorn Pickup 1:00-3:00pm**
  - Popcorn will be available for unit pickup currently scheduled for Mohican Mills in Lincolnton, NC (same as previous years). For Iredell Christian Ministries in Statesville (Time for pick up TBD)
- **Nov 20th:**
  - End Date for Online Sales
- **Dec 1st:**
  - Pecatonica Popcorn Winners Circle Prizes must be submitted via the Scout Boss Platform

- **Dec 4th 8:30-4:00pm:**
  - Final Unit Popcron Payments Due
- **Dec 7th:**
  - Final day to submit prize request and top seller forms. forms received after the 7th will NOT be accepted.

If you have any questions please reach out to your unit **Popcorn Kernal** or **Chris Scruggs** at Chris.scruggs@scouting.org

2026
Scouting For Food





November 14 – Flyer Distribution
November 21 – Food Collection

This holiday season, we have an opportunity to do something truly meaningful: help ensure that families in our communities have food on their tables.

For many families, the holidays can be a difficult time. While some gather around tables filled with food, others face the uncertainty of where their next meal will come from. Through Scouting for Food, we can come together as Scouts, volunteers, and community members to remind our neighbors that they are not alone.

Our goal this year is to collect an incredible **80,000 pounds** of food to help fight hunger and support families throughout our communities. Reaching this goal will take teamwork, dedication, and the generosity that makes Scouting so special.

Every bag collected, every door reached, and every hour volunteered brings us one step closer to making a real difference in someone's life. We may never meet the families who receive the food we collect, but our kindness can help make their holidays a little brighter.

Let's show our communities what the spirit of Scouting is all about! Please mark your calendars, get your units involved, and help us make this year's Scouting for Food campaign one to remember.

If you have questions or need assistance, please reach out to your District Executive.

Together, we can do a good turn for our neighbors, one meal at a time. Let's make **80,000 pounds** our goal — and hope, kindness, and service our mission!

Did someone say PIZZA!



Recap of 2026 Freaky Fall

What a SPOOK-TACULAR experience!
We had an incredible turnout with over 250 Cub Scouts joining us for a frightfully fun Spooktastic experience! From the excitement to the memories made, it was an amazing event filled with Scouting fun, teamwork, and adventure!
A HUGE thank-you to Sebrena Pearson for helping lead and make this event such a success, along with Michael Dukes, Jim Matthews, Rob Duncan, Riley Davey, Troop 275, and Troop 5, and all of the other volunteers for their time, dedication, and support.
Events like these wouldn't be possible without our amazing volunteers and Scouting family coming together to create unforgettable experiences for our youth.
Thank you for making this event a BOO-tiful success!



Mark your Calendar for these Upcoming events



Sign up for the COOLEST event ever!







Mark Your Calendars! Registration Dates Are Here!
Get ready for an exciting adventure! Registration officially opens November 9, 2026 so start making your plans now!
Important Registration Dates:
November 9, 2026: Registration Opens!
December 18, 2026: Early Bird Pricing Ends — register early and save!
January 8, 2027: Final Registration Deadline — don't miss out!
Have questions? We're happy to help! Reach out to Blaise.Shiver@scouting.org.
Don't wait until the last minute! Register early, save some money, and get ready for an unforgettable Scouting adventure!

Scouts On Skis Piedmont







SAVE UP TO 50% OFF!

Special Price $80

January 23-24, 2027

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- A full day (open to close) **Lift Ticket**
- Ski or Snowboard **Rental** Equipment (boots, poles, skis)
- Helmet
- 90-minute **Beginner Group Lesson** (minimum age for a group lesson is 8)

ADD-ON OPTIONS:

- Meal Voucher $17
- Snowtubing $35
  (must be 44" or taller)
  Available Sessions:
  9AM-12PM, 3PM-6PM,
  6PM-9PM
- Snowtubing (All Day) $60

DATES:

January 23
January 24

CODES:

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Bring your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors!

Pre-register and purchase your ticket by Thursday before the event to receive the $80 rate. Your family, friends and neighbors qualify for this special rate.

Contact: Kirk Setzer Email: kirk.setzer@scouting.org

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Jot These Dates Down!

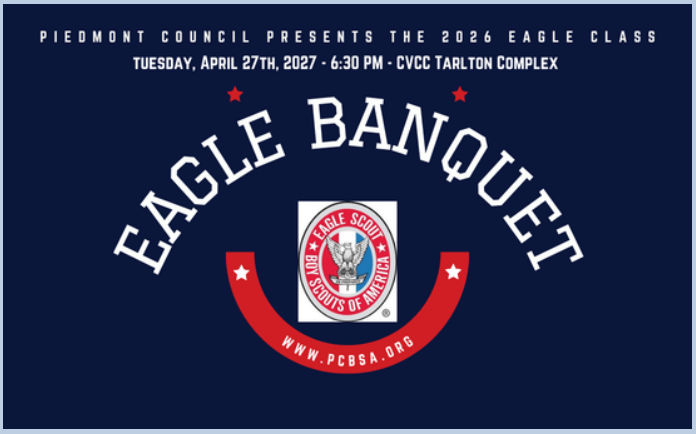
2027 Merit Badge University

February 20, 2027



Class of 2026 Eagle Banquet

April 27, 2027



Stay tuned for more details and registration dates

Sign Up Today











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If not, hoist your sails, gather your crew, and set a course for the one and only Camp Bud Schiele! Get ready for a summer packed with adventure, exciting challenges, new friendships, and memories that will last a lifetime! Whether you're a seasoned adventurer or a first-time explorer, there's a place for you at Camp Bud Schiele!

2027 Summer Camp: "A Scouter's Life for Me!"

Gather your crew and prepare for an unforgettable Scouting adventure filled with excitement, exploration, and fun! Get ready to make waves and create memories that will last long after the summer ends.
Start planning your Summer 2027 adventure today and get ready to make Camp Bud Schiele your home away from home!
Have questions about summer camp? Reach out to our Camp Director, Blaise Shiver!
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Phone: 980-888-8207

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2027 Cub Scout Resident Camp: "The Quest for Cub Cove!"

Calling all Cub Scouts! Every Cub Scout is invited to join the quest for Cub Cove! Get ready to embark on an exciting adventure filled with fun, discovery, and unforgettable Scouting memories. Whether you're a brand-new Cub Scout or a seasoned trailblazer, this adventure is open to ALL Cub Scouts! The treasure is out there, the adventure is waiting, and your crew is needed! Start planning your Summer 2027 adventure today and get ready to make Camp Bud Schiele your home away from home!

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