



# Roundtable Humors

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## Aims of Scouting Calendar



**Personal Fitness**  
Fall Camporee  
Oct 25-27

**Citizenship**  
Jamboree on the Air  
Jamboree on the  
Internet  
Oct 18-20

**Leadership**  
BALOO  
Oct 4-5  
[Highlander Training  
page](#)

**Character**  
Popcorn Show and  
Sales

## Upcoming Roundtables

**October 3**  
Joint RT @Lafayette  
7pm Haymount  
Methodist Church  
1700 Fort Bragg Rd

**November 7**  
"Pack"ed Programs

## Den and Pack Discipline

Let's face it: behavior can't be perfect 100% of the time, 100% of days. However, anarchy is not the rule of law in Cub Scouts either. Discipline starts before your scouts set foot in the building. Be proactive, start now!

Your packs should have by-laws that specify the code of conduct for parents and scouts in your unit. The by-laws should be reviewed and adjusted annually, and signed annually by all participants in your unit.

Your Chartering Organization may have policies that must be included in your by-laws. Check with your Chartering Organization Representative to secure a copy of any policies you need to be aware of.

All Boys Scouts of America policies and rules apply to every unit, as written. Guide to Safe Scouting covers most activities and scenarios. If the wording isn't crystal clear to you, reach out to your Committee, and then

your Unit Commissioner, If you still aren't clear, find one of your Key 3 at Roundtable for clarification.

This breakout [session guide](#) provides great suggestions for being proactive in dens.

The main takeaway? Use one of your first den meetings to create a den code of conduct with your Scouts and their parents that includes expectations, rewards, and consequences, and then... Stay with it!

Rely heavily on positive reinforcement—thank scouts for their great behavior, and celebrate it. Pick 3 den outing options and provide them to your scouts; let them choose the outing they like best. When they reach a set number of den meetings with exemplary behavior, go on your adventure! Find ways to increase their responsibility as your trust in one another increases.

For pack discipline, going over the by-laws

and expectations with all parents and children—briefly—is necessary early in your scouting year. Parent involvement is crucial for pack discipline. When an entire pack gets into one room, den discipline can fly right out the window and the level of intervention needed can quickly exceed the scope of a den leader. Be clear with your parents: this is a family program, and they are part of this pack. You need them in the middle with you, not on the outskirts of the room!

Ideally consequences are a last resort, but be prepared to enforce them if necessary. Always try to correct a scout as discreetly as possible. If your pack is losing control of a scout, den, or the whole pack, reach out to your Unit Commissioner and Chartering Organization Representative to help.



### Walking Camp Tacos

1 1/2lbs ground beef (or beans, pork, chicken, etc)  
1-2 packets taco seasoning  
12 bags tortilla style chips  
2-3c shredded taco cheese  
Toppings like sour cream, chives, salsa, beans, guacamole, onions, jalapenos, etc

1. Cook ground beef before trip; add taco seasoning, seal in containers.
2. Scoop about 1/3c of meat into each chip bag. Pile on toppings of your choice.
3. Dig in, trash your trash, and wash your reusable spoon!

# Council Fees/Dues

By now most of our leaders have heard about the August 22 vote made by the Occoneechee Council Executive Board.

The vote allows Occoneechee Council to begin exploring a new financial structure that relies on annual Council Fees/Dues for funding rather than relying on Friends of Scouting. There is more [information here](#).

Occoneechee Council will be holding public forums in the coming weeks throughout the area. Dates and locations will likely be posted on the Council Calendar on [ocscouts.org](http://ocscouts.org), on the Council Facebook page, and on the Highlander District Facebook page. Please take extra steps to ensure that your unit has someone keeping an eye out for those dates and contacts everyone in your unit to allow maximum input from all of our families.

Your unit could compile a list of suggestions and have a spokesperson present

them at a forum.

We don't make a habit of mincing words here in Highlander. This change will not be perfect for everyone, and it will not be executed flawlessly. But it will happen in some way, so let's Do Our Best to Be Prepared and forge these paths with integrity.

First: no Scout will be turned out of the program for failure to pay these Council Dues, just as we do not remove a Scout whose family falls short on unit dues.

Second: As of now, this is not a unit problem to solve. Currently Occoneechee Council does not plan to make these dues a unit burden. Units will not be responsible for collection of these dues. The Council Dues will not be attached to recharter as it currently stands. They will be a private matter between each family and Council.

If a family in your unit cannot pay, it has no effect on your unit recharter or that family.

The program will continue for them as it always has. National dues will need to be paid for recharter, and will be collected and paid for by the unit.

2020 will be the pilot year of the program; everyone will be adjusting. Use 2020 as your personal year to prepare and be ready for the dues to be a normal part of your family's Scouting plan in 2021.

ScoutReach is a national program that provides scholarships for families that offset costs of the program they could otherwise not afford.

If you have been donating to FOS on a monthly basis, plan to apply that monthly payment toward your Council Dues instead.

There are many Scouters and families in Highlander who have been supporting FOS that will pay less per month for Council Dues than they were donating to FOS. Those people could consider setting aside their funds privately and offering to anonymously sponsor a Scout.

Expect to see Council

develop a system for units to apply fundraised money to their family's dues. Strong popcorn seasons or a few extra fundraisers each year could provide scholarships to your unit, or be used to lower the cost for everyone..

If you have family members who value Scouting in your child's life, consider asking them to contribute to these dues as a holiday or birthday gift.

If you have questions, ideas, or concerns, don't hesitate to call your District Commissioner, Kirk Johnson at 910-818-8987.

## John E. Pechmann Fishing Education Center

If you are a bit intimidated by the thought of taking 25 Cub Scouts down a pier for a fishing outing, consider bringing in the professionals!

John E Pechmann Fishing Education Center is N.C. Wildlife Resources



Commissioner's only fishing education center in North Carolina, and it is right here in Fayetteville! Center instructors teach a variety of aquatic programs to anglers of all ages and abilities.

They have Cub Scout specific programs on the calendar a few times a year, as well as family

and adult oriented programs. Many are free.

Calling in advance may allow you to schedule a program for your pack.

Fishing has been part of scouting since its conception, all around the world. It's a peaceful family activity, and a worthwhile skill and art to learn.

## Highlander District Key 3

**District Chairman**  
Wayne Anstead

**District Commissioner**  
Kirk Johnson

**Family Scouting Executive**  
Erin Zeek



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# Deluxe Accommodations at PTC

Philmont Training Center in New Mexico added deluxe tents to the expansive ranch. These rooms are now more family friendly, and so are the activities!

Whether your family attends for training or for a one-of-a-kind week of family adventure, these new tents and the facilities are ready to welcome all age ranges to camp. Check out [this article](#) from Bryan On Scouting, and start planning your trip to New Mexico in 2020!



## Prohibited Activities

Pack or Den outings can serve as invaluable motivators for Scouts. Before you get your scouts excited about a trip, be sure that it is a permissible Cub Scouting activity, and take the appropriate safety precautions before, during and after the event.

Always start by checking the Guide to

Safe Scouting chart of [age appropriate activities](#) and the [Prohibited Activities list](#).

While these rules may seem restrictive, they have been implemented in response to injuries and deaths that are simply not worth the risk for Scouting. Families are always welcome to spend their personal time participating in those activities. Scouting is not intended to provide every life experience for a child. The Aims of Scouting are Leadership, Citizenship, Character and Personal

Fitness. There are dozens, if not hundreds, of ways to cultivate those aspects of each child safely, and in line with the spirit of Scouting.

Remember that bigger and more exciting do not always mean better. Sometimes the most meaningful memories for kids and families come from the simplest places: a long hike up a mountain, a sunrise breakfast at camp or a gracious service project can be as marvelous to a kid as a day at an amusement park.



## Cub Scout RT Commissioner's Corner

Our first breath of cool air came through this week, giving us a short glimpse of the autumn that I am so ready for!

Right away that urge to get out and camp, hike, and explore revved up. All of the most comforting visions came to mind: hoodies, my favorite wool socks, friends circled around a campfire, mugs of hot chocolate, crisp air, dark mornings, and the total absence of sweat.

Fall and winter have always been my favorite seasons, and now I love them even more because those comforting visions include so many friends.

There is an undeniable bond that comes with campfire smoke and late night stargazing with friends, flashlight tag and muddy boots.

I am chomping at the bit to get back out with my pack, and outside with our friends.

I say it often, but it's worth saying again: enjoy

nature in all her seasons, not just the favorable ones. As the air chills and brings along freezing rain, as the days shorten and the vitamin D takes a bit of a nose dive, get outside as much as you can. Test out your all-weather gear, not just the lightest gear that you bring out when the weather is perfect.

The days that aren't ideal for us humans are still necessary for the foliage, the soil, the bugs, the animals, the very

ecosystem we celebrate and treasure on the "nice" days.

Celebrate and cherish this wonderful world even when she isn't at what you would call her best. Push your limits and try to see Mother Nature in new conditions this year.

And take your pack with you! Just make sure to bring a change of socks for the car.

Onward and Upward,  
Leanne Bulger  
Highlander Cub Scout  
Roundtable Commissioner