



50th Annual Scout Expo

**THEME: BSA: THEN AND NOW – A GOLDEN
CELEBRATION**

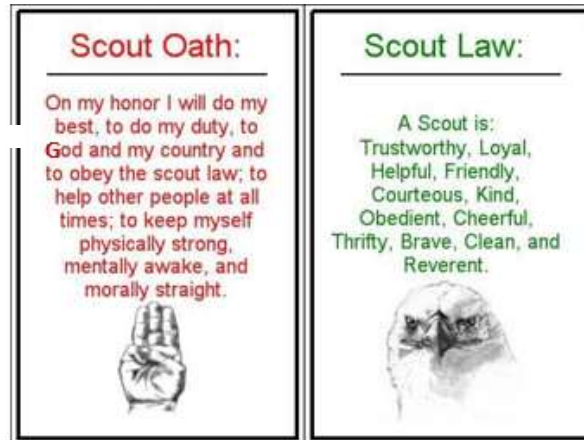


**FEBRUARY 5th - 8th, 2025
INFORMATION PACKET**

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2025 SCOUT EXPO REGISTRATION

The Key 3 of each unit received an email with the link to an EmailMe form. This will be the only registration for the Scout Expo.

2025 IN MALL BOOTH

All units must set up on Sunday, February 2, 2025, between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM. Units may not check in or set up before 3:00 PM. Units will visit the Committee Booth to sign in, get their booth location, and pick up paperwork.

BOOTH REQUIREMENTS

Each booth must contain the following:

- Your unit identity (unit type and number) and your unit's meeting night and time

- Your Chartered Organization identity and location

- Your unit flag and US flag

- The Scout Expo Theme "BSA: Then and Now – A Golden Celebration".

- Contact information if a youth wants to join your unit. (Have applications at your booth)

Refer to the Judging Criteria section for suggestions for a successful booth.

2025 SCOUT EXPO JUDGING

Judges will be viewing each unit's booth between 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM. There will be different judges each night (Wednesday – Friday). Scores will be calculated, and trophies will be awarded. We will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for Scout units and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for Packs (number of placements may change dependent on the number of units registered). Nightly ribbons will also be awarded.

Note: Youth will be able to "vote" (like) for their favorite booth. Scouts cannot vote for their own unit. The top Pack and the top Troop will receive a special ribbon.

OPENING CEREMONY/CLOSING CEREMONY

Wednesday, February 5, 2025 – Parade of Flags. Bring your American Flag and Unit Flag to the Lebanon Valley Mall to march in the Parade of Flags. **Invite Eagle Scouts from your unit to walk in the Parade of Flags with your Scouts.** Select two Scouts who are capable of holding and marching with the flags. Scouts are to report to the Mancino's Pizza area at the west end of the mall on Wednesday evening by 6:00 PM for instruction and formation. Parade step-off is scheduled to begin promptly at 6:15 PM and will travel to the stage in front of Boscov's. **All Unit Leaders, Scouts, families, and friends not in the Parade of Flags must be at the Boscov's stage by 6:00 PM. Please allow room for the flag procession.**

SPECIAL NOTE: LEADERS, PLEASE NOTE THAT SCOUTS CARRYING FLAGS WILL BE ON STAGE A MINIMUM OF 20-30 MINUTES FOR OPENING CEREMONY.

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Friday, February 7, 2025 - Campfire

We encourage all units to stay for campfire at 9:00 PM at the Boscov's Fountain stage. Be prepared with a skit, song, cheer, run-on, etc. for campfire. Each unit should have two items prepared. Units must submit their selections to the Committee Booth Thursday. Campfire will be followed by games until 11:00 PM. Everyone will need to leave the mall at 11:00 PM Friday night. There will be no sleepover this year.

Saturday, February 8, 2025 – Races, Entertainment, Closing Ceremony.

Final Pinewood Derby Race, Open Class Races

ALL derby cars are to be registered between 9:00 AM and 9:50 AM.

Final Pinewood Derby Race will begin at 10:00 AM, followed by Open Class Races.

Entertainment.

Beginning at 1:00 PM there will be entertainment of various styles running through the day. A schedule will be posted in the mall.

Activities

Beginning at 1:00 PM there will be activities throughout the mall and a bounce house. We are hoping to have visitors Saturday and ask that each unit have someone at their booth to share Scouting with the visitors. There will not be judging on Saturday, so rotation parent/child teams will be fine.

Closing Ceremony

Closing ceremony begins after the day's activities and entertainment (This will be an evening ceremony. Refer to Saturday schedule for approximate time. Schedule will be emailed out to Key 3 Leader's soon.)

Please plan to be at the Fountain Stage for trophies and awards presented during Closing Ceremony.

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Booth teardown between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Please hand in all committee items (leader lanyards, folders, patch form/payments, attendance rosters, etc.)

Note: If your unit chooses to tear down Saturday, it MUST be after Closing Ceremony.

MERIT BADGE – There will be no merit badge offered this year.

SERVICE PROJECT

As in years past, we ask all units to participate in this year's Service Project.

- This year's Service Project will be a Ronald McDonald Wish List collection. (List to be sent our soon to Key 3.)

PINEWOOD DERBY RACES – Derby Rules & Procedures (attached).

Qualifier races will run Wednesday – Friday at 7:00 PM – location Lower Court (by Mancino's). Car registration – each evening 5:45-6:55 PM. Scouts are encouraged to participate each night to race for the nightly top **four** spots. Top **four** slots from Wednesday through Friday races will run in a final race Saturday morning.

OPEN CLASS RACES

The same rules as the Pinewood Derby, but this will be open to Scouts, leaders, family members, local businesses. Registration for Open Class Races will be from 9:00 AM and 9:50 AM Saturday morning. Trophies will be awarded. Spread the word!

The challenge is on!

TRIVIA

Adults have asked about participating in the trivia, so this year Scouts **and** adults will be able to answer trivia questions to earn a chance to win prizes. Prizes will be handed out the following evening and/or Saturday. Stop by the Committee booth to participate!!

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PATCHES

Participation Patches “BSA: Then & Now – A Golden Celebration”– This is the last in a series of patches since this is the 50th Scout Expo. The 4” patch will be \$3.00. You will be given instructions on how to order your patches for your unit. Make checks payable to “Lebanon Valley Boy Scout Mall Show Expo”.

Since there is no sleepover this year, there will be no sleepover patch.

JUDGING

Booths will be judged Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday between 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM. In addition to the accumulating point system by blind judging and the awarding of trophies, we will also be awarding ribbons each night of judging. “Most Likes” ribbon is back this year for in person booths and virtual booths. Scouts will be able to “vote” (like) for their favorite booth presentation in person at the committee booth. Voting will be open until 10:00 PM Friday night. Scouts, Scouter, and families should not vote for their own unit.

There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies awarded for Packs, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place trophies for Troops/Venture Crews/Explorer Posts. Please check the Judging Criteria section for some items the judges will use when reviewing booths.

Judges will be looking for the following things in determining the winners of the nightly awards.

1. Judges' Choice (Scout Activity) - Scouts in action in the booth.
2. Best of Show Theme (Best representation of the theme)
3. Overall Excellence (Crowd Pleaser)

JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Is your unit identified in your presentation?
2. Is your chartered partner identified in your presentation?
3. Is your unit flag and US Flag part of your presentation?
4. Does your “booth” depict the Scout Expo theme?
5. Are your meeting place and meeting times identified in your presentation?
6. Is there information about joining your unit in your presentation?
7. Are your Scouts engaged in your presentation? Meaning – Are they demonstrating, explaining, and creating?
8. Is your two deep leadership visible? (Wear leader lanyard to identify leadership.)
9. If you had a child who wanted to join Scouts, would your unit display appeal to that child?
10. Does your display show imagination and originality?
11. Are your Scouts in correct, clean, and appropriate Scout uniform?
12. Is your display neat and orderly?
13. Did your Scouts conceive your display, construct your booth, construct the displays, draw the posters, print the instructions, etc.?

This is just a sampling of the judging criteria. Tell your youth to be original and imaginative.



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CAMPFIRE

The Scout Expo asks each unit to have 2 selections (song/skit/cheer/run-ons) for campfire. Hand in your selections (Scout appropriate) to the Committee Booth Wednesday or Thursday.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

Closing the mall for inclement weather is decided by the mall. Please do not call the mall office or council office. Your unit leadership noted in the registration will be notified by email of any changes due to weather.

If you have any questions regarding the Scout Expo please contact:

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