

# Susquehanna District Newsletter

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## Message from District Key 3 and First Quarter Review

The purpose of this quarterly newsletter is to provide scouts, leaders and parents easy access to the various events and an opportunity to highlight the great work and service our scouts are doing within the District. The key three and district committee members are always seeking feedback and would appreciate your input. Thanks to those leaders that assisted and provided feedback on our Klondike Derby held in January. We will be working through those comments to improve our 2025 events.



Please reach out to any of the key three with your comments for improvement. The [Council Calendar](#), [District Webpage](#) and [Facebook](#) page are constantly being updated with activity, training and roundtable information. **Thank you to all of our Susquehanna District volunteers.**

As a District we had a very busy first quarter.

- Over 30 people in attendance at our January 10 trivia night
- Fall popcorn wrap up and future planning session
- Close to 200 people at Camp Mack for our District Klondike Derby
- Over 160 scouts registered for the Merit Badge College on Feb 22.
- 9 Scouts attended Den Chief Training
- Planning for Camp Mack Open House on April 5

## Roundtable Resources

Roundtables provide unit leaders with the skill to do and the will to do what is needed to ensure that every member of every unit has a great Scouting experience. Roundtables build upon the foundation provided by position-specific basic training and each leader's commitment to serving youth through Scouting.

Our district is blessed to have a dedicated and creative Roundtable Staff. Everything that is modelled at Roundtable can be used at the unit level. If you are unable to attend in person, you can watch on Facebook Live.

Susquehanna District Roundtable is held the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg located at 101 S Decatur St, Strasburg. Upcoming Roundtable topics and links to past Roundtables can be found at the [Roundtable Link](#) on the District Website.

Our May Roundtable (May 1) will be held at Camp Mack and will include members of the Council Executive Board.

### Special Interest:

Roundtables are the first Thursday of each month.

### Quick Calendar:

- April 5 – Mack Open House
- April 12 – District Pinewood
- April 18 – Deadline for District Awards (see page 5)
- May 1 – Council Roundtable at Camp Mack
- May 2 – 4 – Council Camporee
- May 29 – District Annual Meeting
- June 11 – District Dinner

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## District Commissioner Update

The District Commissioner staff works to ensure that all units are successful and have all available resources to thrive. Commissioners provide support and information to unit leaders so they can deliver a high-quality program that attracts and retains youth and adults. Whether working with a pack, troop, crew, ship, club or post, commissioners are key to ensuring units have the necessary resources to provide a quality program for their youth.

See the [Commissioner Page](#) on the Council Website for resources and opportunities for training.

## District Annual Meeting

The Susquehanna District Annual Meeting will be on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. We will be discussing accomplishments and challenges from the previous year and setting goals for the current year. This meeting is open for anyone to attend and ask questions of the district committee.

## Klondike Derby Recap

Thank you to all the scouts and scouters that attended the Susquehanna District Klondike Derby in January. We had close to 200 people in attendance, with 21 patrols. Congratulations to the following patrols.

First Place – Soaring Squirrels from Troop 503

Second Place – The Last of the BSA Patrol from Troop 172

Third Place – The Not Quite Human Patrol from Troop 88

## Upcoming Training Courses

The District and Council Training Committees are constantly adding new training courses to the [Council Training Page](#) for both youth and adults. A few highlights are listed below:

- **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)** is designed to train all the youth leaders of a Troop, Crew, or Ship with leadership skills they will be able to apply in Scouting and throughout the rest of their life. Dates for the 2-weekend course is July 25-27 and August 15-17.
- **BALOO Training** – Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation at Camp Mack on May 9 – 11.
- **IOLS** – Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills at Camp Bashore on April 5-6.
- **ILST Training** - Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) course teaches Scouts with leadership positions about their new roles and the organizational and leadership skills needed to most effectively reach success in that role. Completion of ILST is a prerequisite for Scouts to participate in the more advanced leadership courses. The event will be May 31, at Paradise Park from 9AM – 2 PM. Cost is \$5 and lunch will be provided.



## Advancement Update

- Families and units – please share your Eagle Scout and unit service news with the District so that we can highlight the great work done by the scouts in the Susquehanna District. Send the info to Chet Bowen.
- Landis Valley has a few opportunities for Scouts and units looking for service hours or Eagle projects. Reach out to Chet Bowen, [bowen17@hotmail.com](mailto:bowen17@hotmail.com), for additional information.
- Changes have been made to the Eagle Scout Application. See information [here](#).
- Life to Eagle seminar will be held via Zoom on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. This is open to all Scouts, parents, and leaders who want to learn more about the Eagle Scout process. Register to attend [HERE](#).

## Friends of Scouting

Investing in the **physical, mental, and moral development** of today's youth isn't just about supporting them – it's about shaping the future of our community. Thanks to Scouters like you, **1,086 Scouts** in the Susquehanna District received support last year, making a real difference in their lives.

**Join us in building an even brighter future – one Scout at a time.** All donations stay local and are greatly appreciated – every dollar truly helps! Your gift will allow us to empower young boys and girls in positive and meaningful ways that last a lifetime.

We ask if you would consider making a donation this year to our Friends of Scouting campaign. Thank you if you have already made a contribution! **Click [here](#) to make a pledge or contribution online.** To schedule a unit presentation please contact Sheila Fasig.

Other ways to help support the Pennsylvania Dutch Council -- become a sponsor or participant in our annual Golf Outing or Sporting Clays events:

- May 19, 2025 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Classic for Scouts, [click here for more information](#)
- September 4, 2025 – Sporting Clays, reach out to Zena Korba, Development Director, [zena.korba@scouting.org](mailto:zena.korba@scouting.org).

## Membership Resources

The [Membership Recruitment Resource](#) page on the council website has a variety of resources that can be used with your unit recruitment including the Scouting America Brand Center, School District Flyers, Social Media Resources and Recruitment Material including card templates to be used for various holidays.

Now is the time to start thinking about spring recruiting.

- Are there any events in your school district where your unit (or even a combination of other units in your school district) can host a table or game? If there is an event, but your unit can't be there, let Sheila Fasig know. The council can provide flyers or yard signs. Don't forget Facebook promotion and sharing is a great way to recruit.
- Are you able to get a flyer into your local school before school ends? Contact Sheila if you need assistance with creating flyers that include your summer schedule of events to try to get kids signed up early.
- Now is a great time to **update your Beascout pin**. Make sure that your contact and unit information is current, and that your unit is set up for online applications. [Microsoft Word - Be A Scout Pin Set up](#) will show you how.

## OA Chapter Update

Unit leaders, remember to contact Brock Ford ([brocker22@yahoo.com](mailto:brock22@yahoo.com); 717-870-5581) to schedule your unit Order of the Arrow election for the Spring of 2025. Elections can be held through May 15.

Upcoming events include:

- Fellowship Weekend at Camp Mack on April 25 – 27
- Spring Ordeal at Camp Bashore the weekend on May 16 – 18
- Section E11 Conclave at Camp Horseshoe the weekend of June 6 – 8.
- Register for all events in [Tentaroo](#).



## Upcoming District Activities

The [District Activity Page](#) details all of the upcoming activities, including dates, locations, leader guides and registration.

- **2025 Camp Mack Open House** – event is April 5 at Camp Mack. Enjoy a morning or afternoon exploring all that Camp Mack has to offer and bring a non-scout friend for free. There will be activities including sports, nature, BB and archery ranges and crafts. Make a smore and ask your questions of the Camp Mack staff. Event [Flyer](#) is available here, and you are required to register through [Tentaroo](#). Registration closes on April 4.
- **District Pinewood Derby** will be April 12 at the Lancaster Masonic Center (213 W Chestnut St Lancaster). For additional information and registration info see the [event flyer](#). Registration will close on April 11.
- **Council Camporee** is May 2-4 at Longs Park. Watch the [Council Camporee](#) page for updates.
- **District Annual Meeting** – May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.
- **Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)** – May 31, from 9 – 2, see page 8 and the [District Activity Page](#).
- **District Recognition Dinner** is on June 11. See the [District Activity Page](#) or page 4 for info and how to register.
- **Barnstormers Game and Sleepover** is June 20. Event [flyer](#) is available here.

## Annual District Dinner and Awards

The Susquehanna District Annual Dinner will be held on June 11 at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Willow Street, doors open at 6 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM. See page 4 – 6 for additional information.

This is an evening of fun and fellowship and a chance to recognize the district volunteers that have contributed to a great year through helping at the unit or district level. Scouts, leaders and families are encouraged to attend.

## Shared Unit News

Conestoga Pack 146 had their Blue and Gold Banquet on Saturday March 22. A great celebration for the boys in the pack with lots of good food and guests. **A Special THANK YOU** to the Millersville VFW, Pennsylvania State Police, Conestoga Volunteer Fire Company, Southern Lancaster County Sports Farm, Troop 146 and all the volunteers helping to set up. All had a hand in making this a huge success.

## Explore Your World at the 2025 Council Camporee

The PA Dutch Council is hosting a council wide camporee at Long Park in Lancaster the weekend of May 2 – 4. Our world is an amazing place with lots of things to explore. The activities at the Camporee will help open your eyes to some of the careers, hobbies, and amazing nature out there.

Additional information and a registration link can be found on the [Council Website](#). A Guidebook for the event can be found [here](#).



# Susquehanna District Annual Dinner, Nominations and Awards

## 2025 Annual Susquehanna District Dinner

Our annual District Dinner is set for June 11 at Ascension Lutheran Church in Willow Street. This is a time when our district comes together in fellowship and honor those in our district who have gone above and beyond. Scouts, leaders and families are invited and encouraged to attend. Deadline to register is May 27. A variety of awards will be presented at the dinner and information on how to nominate someone in your unit is described below.

Details of the 2025 District Dinner are below:

- Date:** June 11, doors open 6 PM, dinner starting at 6:30 PM  
**Location:** Ascension Lutheran Church, 600 Penn Grant Rd, Willow Street  
**Cost:** \$15  
**Registration:** Through tentaroo – follow this [link](#).

## 2025 Annual Susquehanna District Awards and Recognition

It is not too early to start to think about nominating your unit leaders or valued parents for the following awards.

[Scouter Profile Form](#) - To assist you in collecting information for nominations, we have created this fillable PDF. You can use it to record an individual's training, experience, and prior recognition. Do not submit the Scouter Profile; keep it for future use. (Expert tip - spouses are a great source of background information).

**District Award of Merit** –The District Award of Merit is a great way to recognize those Scouters that go above and beyond in their service to others, and the Scouting movement locally. It is the highest honor the District can bestow on one of its members.

- [Click here for the District Award of Merit Nomination](#).
- Nomination must be submitted to Ken Neumann, [kbneumann1@gmail.com](mailto:kbneumann1@gmail.com), no later than April 18.



**Scoutmaster of the Year** – if your Scoutmaster is doing an amazing job with your unit, consider nominating them for the District's Scoutmaster of the Year Award.

- [Click here for Scoutmaster of the Year Nomination Form](#).
- Nominations must be submitted to Marion Glasby, Marion Glasby, [mkglasby@gmail.com](mailto:mkglasby@gmail.com), no later than April 18.

**Cubmaster of the Year** - if your Cubmaster is doing an amazing job with your unit, consider nominating them for the District's Cubmaster of the Year Award.

- [Click here for Cubmaster of the Year Nomination Form](#).
- Nominations must be submitted to Marion Glasby, Marion Glasby, [mkglasby@gmail.com](mailto:mkglasby@gmail.com), no later than April 18.



**Committee Member of the Year** - if one of your Committee Members is doing a great job with your unit, consider nominating them for the District's Committee Member of the Year Award.

- [Click here for Committee Member of the Year Nomination Form.](#)
- Nominations must be submitted to Marion Glasby, Marion Glasby, [mkglasby@gmail.com](mailto:mkglasby@gmail.com), no later than April 18.

**Commissioner of the Year** - if your district commissioner is doing a great job with your unit, consider nominating them for the District's Commissioner of the Year Award.

- [Click here for Commissioner of the Year Nomination Form.](#)
- Nominations must be submitted to Marion Glasby, Marion Glasby, [mkglasby@gmail.com](mailto:mkglasby@gmail.com), no later than April 18.

**Scouter of the Year** - if an adult leader is doing a great job with your unit, consider nominating them for the District's Scouter of the Year Award.

- [Click here for Scouter of the Year Nomination Form.](#)
- Nominations must be submitted to Marion Glasby, Marion Glasby, [mkglasby@gmail.com](mailto:mkglasby@gmail.com), no later than April 18.

**Spark Plug Awards** - Every unit has a person that provides the "spark" that keeps the Scouting program on track, whether or not they are serving in a registered position. The adult leadership of your unit may nominate one person each year to be recognized at the District Recognition Dinner by presenting them with the Spark Plug Award.

- [Click here for Spark Plug Nomination Form.](#)
- Nominations must be submitted to Marion Glasby, Marion Glasby, [mkglasby@gmail.com](mailto:mkglasby@gmail.com), no later than April 18.

**Den Leader Training Award** - Available for Tiger, Cub Scout and Webelo Den Leaders. Tenure, training, and performance requirements are indicated on each application. You may apply for the award yourself once you have completed all the requirements that are listed in the application.

- [Click here for Den Leader Training Award application.](#)
- This award can be submitted to the council office at any time, but to be awarded at the District Dinner it must be submitted no later than May 23.



**Scouter Training Award** - Available for registered leaders in any program. Tenure, training, and performance requirements are indicated on each application. You may apply for the award yourself once you have completed all the requirements that are listed on the application.

- [Click here for Scouting Training Award application.](#)
- This award can be submitted to the council office at any time, but to be awarded at the District Dinner it must be submitted no later than May 23.



**Scouter's Key** - Available for Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors, District and Assistant Commissioners and District Committee Members. Tenure, training, and performance requirements are indicated on each application. You may apply for the award yourself once you have completed all the requirements that are listed on the application.

- [Click here for Scouter's Key Award application.](#)
- This award can be submitted to the council office at any time, but to be awarded at the District Dinner it must be submitted no later than May 23.



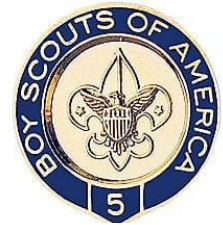
**Unit Leader Award of Merit** - A quality Scouting experience will help keep Scouts in the program, and Scouting America created the Unit Leader Award of Merit to recognize the quality unit leaders who make that happen.

- [Click here for the Unit Leader Award of Merit application](#)
- This award can be submitted to the council office at any time, but to be awarded at the District Dinner it must be submitted no later than May 23.



**Veteran Service Award** - Presented for 5 years of service as a registered volunteer, and for each subsequent 5 years. You may apply for this award yourself.

- [Click here for Veteran Service Award Application.](#)
- This award can be submitted to the council office at any time, but to be awarded at the District Dinner it must be submitted no later than May 23.



Scan the QR code below for link to the Susquehanna District Activities Webpage, that has active links to all the above information.



# ILST


(INTRODUCTION TO LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR TROOPS)

# TRAINING WORKSHOP

Bring your Scouts and leaders for a guided refresher on running ILST. Activities will be run as intact units with guides to help newer Scouts and Scouters through this important training. For more information contact Kandi Sharp at [knds695@gmail.com](mailto:knds695@gmail.com) or register through Tentaroo.

Saturday, May 31  
9-2

Paradise Park  
6 Londonvale Rd



Troops who want  
a refresh  
on providing ILST

\$5 per person for lunch.



# CAMP MACK OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday  
April 5th**

**Two sessions to  
choose from:  
9am–noon  
or 1pm–4pm**

## Activities :

- ✓ Ranges
- ✓ S'mores with Camp staff
- ✓ Gaga ball
- ✓ Campercraft
- ✓ Arts and craft/STEM

**TRADING POST WILL BE OPEN!**

**Sign Up through tentaroo:**



**IF FRIEND JOINS CUB SCOUTS BY  
JUNE 1ST, BOTH THE CUB SCOUT & FRIEND  
WILL RECEIVE A \$20 DISCOUNT TO ATTEND  
SUMMER CAMP AT CAMP MACK IN 2025**

**\$5 per Cub Scout  
(Adults are free)**

**Bring a Non-Scout  
friend (K–4th grade)  
for FREE**

**Contact Carley Ulrich  
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