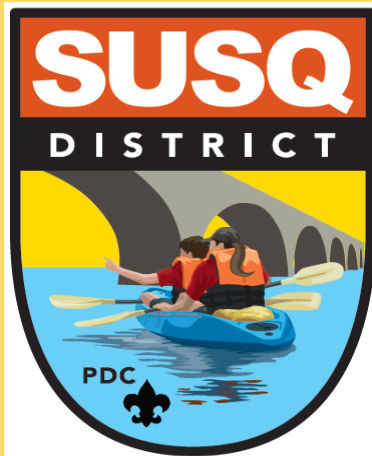




Scouting America
Pennsylvania Dutch Council

Special Interest:

Roundtables are the first Thursday of each month.

Quick Calendar:

Oct 4/5 – IOLS Training
Oct 12 - Ride for Camps
Oct 17 – 19 – Fall Outpost
Nov 1/8 – Scouting for Food
Dec 14 – Frosty Fun
Jan 30 – Feb 1 - Klondike
Apr 11 – Mack Open House

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Susquehanna District Newsletter

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Message from District Key 3 and Third 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.

We are at an exciting time within our District and Council. Thanks to all of the units for doing an AMAZING job with Fall Recruitment and holding (and promoting) your unit open houses. We am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Outpost at Camp Mack, it will be a great time!

The district committee members are always seeking feedback and would appreciate your input. 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.

Key highlights for the third quarter were:

- 11 Susquehanna units attend Camp Mack summer camp
- 10 Susquehanna units attend Bashore summer camp
- 21 scouts have taken advantage of the Council summer passport program
- 20 Packs and 22 Troops participating in the fall popcorn sale
- Cub growth of +4% compared to last year

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.

See page 4 of this newsletter for a new recognition program within our Council called the Commissioners Unit Award of Excellence.



Upcoming District Activities

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

- Susquehanna District Fall Outpost – October 17 – 19 at Camp Mack, see flyer on page 5. Afternoon program includes Forgotten Friend Reptile Show
- Susquehanna District Klondike Derby – January 30 – February 1 at Camp Mack. See flyer of page 6.
- Camp Mack Open House on April 11

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)** will be held in Summer 2026 and is designed to train youth leaders of a unit with leadership skills they will be able to apply in Scouting and throughout the rest of their life.

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.

It was great to see so many of our units having Open House and promoting those events on Social Media.

Halloween and Scouting for Food are two great opportunities to get the word out about your unit.

- See the link below to create personal Halloween cards to hand out with your candy
 - [Fillable-Halloween-Card.pdf](#)
- Contact Sheila to create stickers to attach to your Scouting For Food Doorhangers with your unit information.



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, for additional information.
- Changes have been made to the Eagle Scout Application. See information [here](#).
- Next Life to Eagle Seminar is scheduled for October 22 at 7 PM. This seminar is for parents, leaders and Scouts. It will walk you through the steps and prepare you for working on your Eagle Scout Rank. See registration information on the Council Website or click [HERE](#).

OA Chapter Update

A joint Chapter mini-golf event was held on September 6. Congrats to Kyto A for being elected Susquehanna Chapter Chief for the upcoming year.

2026 National Scout Jamboree Update

Each council can send a contingent if they meet the required minimum of eighteen youth and two adults. Unfortunately, the PA Dutch Council registrations fell short of this minimum. The scouts who registered will receive a full refund. Refund checks should arrive in the first week of October.

We do have good news, however, for those Scouts who would like to attend the 2026 Jamboree. We are disappointed that we will not have our own contingent but have collaborated with our neighboring council, the Chester County Council, for you to have the opportunity to attend as a participant. They have informed us that they will gladly accept Scouts from PA Dutch as members of their contingent.

For additional information and how to register with Chester County Council see the Council Website or click [HERE](#).

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.

Thank you for your participation in Roundtables throughout the 2024-25 season. We're looking forward to another year of engaging topics and great discussions when we restart on September 4. We've been reviewing your survey responses from the joint meeting in May, and we'll soon be revising and completing plans for upcoming topics. The current preliminary schedule (and future updates) can be found on our [Roundtable page](#) on the Council site. Remember, if you can't make the meeting in person, you can check in via the livestream on the [Susquehanna District Facebook page](#), and you can access the [meeting resources](#) within a few days after the meeting.

Please help **both districts** with our Roundtable live-streaming efforts. Go to the pages linked below and Like and Follow. If you have any questions about Roundtable, please reach out to us at: susq.roundtable@gmail.com

[Susquehanna District RT Video page](#)

[Iron Forge Round Table page](#)

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.

Scout Reach Benefit Fundraiser at Bert and the Elephant

From 4 – 10 PM on Thursday, October 30, there will be a benefit fundraiser for ScoutReach at Bert and the Elephant (29E King St Lancaster). Join us for some great food and friendship for a great cause.

Commissioner Unit Award of Excellence

The Commissioners within the PA Dutch Council have put together a program to recognize units for their efforts. To be awarded the Commissioners Unit Award of Excellence, a unit must meet minimum standards in 6 of the 9 areas below. The evaluation period will run from January 1 through November 30th and data will be drawn from the Unit Connections area in My.Scouting.org. For additional information click [HERE](#).

- KEY LEADERS TRAINED: Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor and Committee Chair
- SIZE: Pack-20, Troop-12, Crew-7.
- GROWTH: Positive growth or super unit status
- ADVANCEMENT: 30% Rank advancement (crew leadership trained)
- OUTDOOR ACTIVITY: One pack outdoor activity, one troop long term camp or one crew tier 3 activity
- ROUNDTABLE ATTENDANCE: Unit participates in 6 out of 9 Roundtables (live streaming counts)
- RETENTION: At least 62%.
- SAFEGUARDING YOUTH TRAINING: 100% of adult leaders trained and certified, including the Chartered Organizational Representative
- SERVICE PROJECT: One documented unit service project in a calendar year.

Susquehanna District Committee Looking for Volunteers

We all know that volunteering within a Pack or Troop in Scouting America can be an amazing experience. Getting to see the youth of the organization grow in independence, scouting skills and leadership is why many of us continue to volunteer. Scouting is definitely more than an hour per week of your time, but it is the volunteers that develop and help to deliver the program to the youth. Just like in the units, the District Committee has opening for volunteers interested in working at fundraising, product sales, unit growth and activities. Currently we are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:



- Finance – help to organize and present the Friends of Scouting presentations for the district units and seek out innovative ways to fundraise within the District
- Fall Product Sale – work with the council staff to organize and lead the district activities regarding the Fall Popcorn Sale
- Spring Product Sale – work with the council staff to organize and lead the district activities regarding the Spring Product Sale.
- Membership – work with council staff and promote scouting within the various school districts and at community events
- Activities – organize and lead the various activities within the district (trivia night, fall escape, klondike derby)
- Social Media – work to promote the district activities, awards, and recognition on various social media platforms

The District Committee meets once per month (last Thursday of each month). If you would like additional information on the Committee or any of the positions listed above, please reach out to Chet Bowen, bowen17@hotmail.com.

SUSQUEHANNA DISTRICT

2025 FALL ESCAPE

OCTOBER 17 - 19, 2025

CAMP MACK

REGISTRATION
THROUGH
TENTAROO



LEADER GUIDE
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AFTERNOON
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2026 KLONDIKE DERBY



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**LEADER GUIDE AVAILABLE BY NOVEMBER 1
AT QR CODE BELOW**

**JAN 30 - FEB 1
2026** |

