

2024 Annual Membership Fee Update – Effective April 1, 2024. BSA will eliminate the \$25 one-time joining fee for new program participants. However, there will be a \$5 increase for CS, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting participants and for all adult volunteers. Merit Badge Counselors, Scoutreach and Exploring participants – no change in fee.

I Love Scouting Photo Contest – Feb. 1 – 29. Share a picture of a current scout with New Scout having fun at a Scouting event and both might have a chance to receive a \$250 discount code to PPC summer camp. New scout has to be registered between Dec 1, 2023 and February 29, 2024. More information, [here](#).

University of Scouting - and Program Launch - Saturday, March 2, 8-4pm -Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights. Early Registration - \$35 per person ends 2/16. 2/16-2/26 - \$45. Those taking Cub Position Specific Training will get \$25 discount in fees. More information, [here](#).

Pioneer District Recognition Breakfast – Saturday, March 9, 9am Deutscher Club of Clark. \$25 per person. Recognize your leaders' and parents' contribution to the running your unit's program. More information, [here](#).

Pioneer District Pinewood Derby - Sunday, March 17 – Deerfield School Cafeteria, Mountainside. Run by Pack 177 Mountainside. Only 24 participants per rank. More information, [here](#).

Conservation Service Project - Operation WRIP – Watchung Reservation Invasive Plant. Saturday, April 6. 8:30am-Noon. Remove invasive plants – Japanese Barberry and Multiflora Rosa bushes. Unit or Individual Registration required. Registration opens up Feb. 13. Troops/Crews will be assigned specific areas in park. Units will transport their members. Cub Scout and individual Troop/Crew participants will stay close to Trailside Nature and Science Center. Scout Camping Area will be available to troops and crews that wish to camp overnight Friday and/or Saturday on a First Come, First Serve.

2024 Friends of Scouting – Unit Goal Incentives Schedule your presentation [here](#).

PPC 5k Run & Walk – Saturday, April 13, Oak Ridge Park, Clark. Can count towards unit FOS goal. More information, [here](#).

New Providence Good Scout Awards Reception – Thursday, March 14, The Primavera Regency. More information, [here](#).

Pioneer District Cub Family Camping – June 7-9, Winnebago Scout Reservation

Jersey 360 Jamboree - Sussex County Fairgrounds, **October 25-27, 2024.** This event will be designed for Scouts of all ages. There will be activities and games as well as shows. Replaces the Districts' Fall Scouts BSA and Cub Camporee. Unit Commitment Unit Commitment Registration is open. More information, [here](#).

PPC Training – Check out the winter/spring training offerings

In person Training: **Fundamentals of Training**, CPR/Wilderness First Aid in March & April, Rangemaster Training – April 13 and IOLS & BALOO - May 4-5,

Online Training – Get Position Specific Training by going to your account at **my.scouting.org**

- Plus, don't forget Hazardous Weather Training must be renewed every 2 years

PPC Summer Camp Save \$75 with Super Saver Pricing Ends March 1. More information, **here**.

Cub Scout Day Camps – 1st- 5th grade. 5 weeks of camp. Camp Wheeler and Watchung Day Camp. More information, **here**.

Summer Camp 2024 Promotion – Register for a summer camp presentation at your meeting. More information, **here**.

Summer Camp Incentives and Discounts

Order Blue & Gold Placemats – promoting PPC Cub Summer Camp. More information, **here**.

Scouts BSA - 4 weeks of Camp. Camp Somers - Day Camp and Resident Camp, and Camp Winnebago - Resident Camp. More information, **here**.

Thomas A. Pepe Scholarship Request – Youth families can apply for financial assistance for all Patriots' Path Council summer camp programs, high-adventure programs, NOAC, National Youth Leader Training, and National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience. An award is subject to the availability of funds and administered by a volunteer committee. More information, **here**.

Summer Camp Jobs - Hiring CIT's (counselors in training) 14 years and up, and camp staff 15 years and older. More information, **here**.

PPC Adventure Programs –

Scouts BSA/Crew – Does your PLC need ideas for Spring Activities? Check out the site: ATV, COPE & Climbing, Zipline and High COPE, Shooting Sports and Backwoods Engineering

Scouts BSA Merit Badges Classes – Most filled but more classes pending.

Cub –Packs and Dens – BB. Maple Sugaring & Pancakes in March and Build It! Baloo the Builder – April 13.

Safety Moment (Incident Reporting) – What is an incident that needs to be reported? 3 Types: Near Miss, General Liability and Youth Protection/Membership Infraction