



Welcome to Raritan Valley District Roundtable

Feb 1, 2023

7:30pm – 9:00pm





February Safety Moment

Behavior around Campfires – Campfires are a powerful part of the outdoor experience. Safe behavior around a campfire ensures a good time can be had by all while mitigating the inherent danger of the fire.

Smart behaviors around a campfire

- Always respect a fire by showing smart behaviors
- Stay outside of the campfire ring
- Don't run, jump, or play around campfires
- "Once it's in, it stays in."

Maintain a safe campfire and campsite

- Ensure the campfire is the appropriate distance between the seating areas and tents

Cooking or roasting over a campfire

- If your food burns or catches fire, remain calm. Don't swing, flick, or throw hot or burning food
- Maintain a safe distance while cooking
- Be careful with sharp skewers and keep the tip pointed in a safe direction



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BSA SAFETY MOMENT BEHAVIOR AROUND CAMPFIRES

SUMMARY

Campfires are a powerful part of the outdoor experience. They can be lively with laughter, storytelling, and fellowship. The campfire can also be a time of reflection, learning, and great peace. Safe behavior around a campfire ensures a good time can be had by all while mitigating the inherent danger of the fire. Here are some helpful reminders on behavior that can make your next campfire a positive and safe experience.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Handbooks for each program have useful tips for campfires.

Smart behaviors around a campfire

- Fires are useful, but they can be dangerous. Always respect a fire by showing smart behaviors.
- Stay outside of the campfire ring. Do not touch any part of the fire ring once the fire has been lit.
- Don't run, jump, or play around campfires. Understand that fires can cause injuries.
- "Once it's in, it stays in." Don't pull anything out of the campfire.

Maintain a safe campfire and campsite

- Always consider the campfire's surroundings. Ensure the campfire is the appropriate distance between the seating areas and tents.
- Verify federal and local regulations regarding fire bans and policies.

Cooking or roasting over a campfire

- Never swing, flick, or throw hot or burning food. If your food burns or catches fire, remain calm.
- Maintain a safe distance while cooking. Use a skewer long enough to keep your body outside the fire ring or containment area.
- Be careful with sharp skewers and keep the tip pointed in a safe direction. In the dark, others may not see the skewer. Prevent injury to others by being responsible. Maintain spacing with others around the fire.

RESOURCES

- Campfire Safety: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/camp-fire-safety/>
- Guide to Safe Scouting: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/toc/
- Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities: filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-685.pdf
- Storing, Handling, and Using Chemical Fuels and Equipment: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss06/
- Leave No Trace: www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/resources/leave-no-trace/
- Unit Fireguard Plan Chart: www.scoutshop.org/unit-fireguard-plan-chart-616620.html



2023 Recharter Status

	Packs	Troops	Crew/Post	Total
Not Started	0	1	0	1
In Progress	7	3	1	11
In Progress - COR	1	0	0	1
Submitted	7	16	2	25
Posted	15	25	0	40
SR - Separated	0	0	0	0
Not Rechartering	2	1	0	3
Total	32	46	3	81
Separated	0		Not Started	1%
Drop Charter	3		In Progress	15%
			Submitted	32%
			Posted	51%
Family / Co-ed	19		3	22
Boy	12	39		51
Girl	1	7		8





Presentation Season

Friends of Scouting 2023



- Submit commitment form with presentation date due yesterday – we're still accepting them this week!!!

Cub Day Camp 2023



- Submit date for a unit presentation to Javier Juarez
Javier.Juarez@scouting.org





Council Events

Registration Open:

- **National Scout Jamboree – 10 spots remain**

<https://ppcbosa.org/2023jambo/>



Registration Opening this week:

- **University of Scouting & Program Launch**

Sat, Mar 4, 2023 - Governor Livingston HS, Berkeley Heights

<https://scoutingevent.com/358-UoSProgLaunch>





Training Opportunities



Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

Spring 1: May 6-7, 2023

Spring 2: May 20-21, 2023

Fall 1: Aug 27-27, 2023

Fall 2: Oct 14-15, 2023

<https://scoutingevent.com/358-BALOO>



Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills

Spring 1: May 6-7, 2023

Spring 2: Jun 3-4, 2023

Fall 1: Sep 16-17, 2023

Fall 2: Oct 14-15, 2023

<https://scoutingevent.com/358-IOLS>



WOODBADGE

Course: ST13-358-23

Wknd 1: Sep 8-10, 2023

Wknd 2: Oct 14-15, 2023

<https://scoutingevent.com/358-23Woodbadge>



National Youth Leadership Training

Course 1: Jun 25 – Jul 1, 2023

Course 2: Aug 6-12, 2023

Course 3: Nov 3-5, 2023 & Nov 9-12, 2023

<https://scoutingevent.com/358-NYLT>





District Events

2023

- **Feb 3-5, 2023** – Klondike (Scouts BSA & Webelos)
- **Apr 28-30, 2023** – Scouts BSA Spring Camporee
- **Jun 2-4, 2023** – Cub Family Camping
- **Sept 29-Oct 1** – Scouts BSA Fall Camporee & Cub Family Camping



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District Events

2024

- **Feb 2-4, 2024** – Klondike (Scouts BSA & Webelos)
- **May 10-12, 2024** – Scouts BSA Spring Camporee
- **May 31-Jun 2, 2024** – Cub Family Camping
- **Oct 4-6, 2024** – PPC Council Event



Roundtable Reminders

March 2023
Membership



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Reminders

RVD Roundtable Collateral

NEW! <https://ppcbbsa.org/raritan-valley-district/>

RVD Scouting Exchange

<https://rvd.boards.net>

