

2016 ScoutCast

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October 2016 - Scouting Alumni / Council Alumnus of the Year



The Scouting Alumni Association is a call to all who have been positively impacted by the BSA. That includes family members of Scouts past and present, volunteers, Scouters, and community leaders. Is that you? We hope so and because we Scouters love awards, **there's even a Council Alumnus of the Year Award!** Mike Movius, committee member of the National SAA as well as chairman of the Pacific Harbors Council NESA and Scouting Alumni Association Committee explains it all right here on ScoutCast. Join us, [won't you](#) | [Download](#) | [Zip File](#) | [Transcript](#) |

September 2016 - Working with the Troop Committee



Do you know what a troop committee is or what the members are supposed to do? What's the relationship between the Scoutmaster and the committee? Charlie Garwood, who currently serves as the Area 5 vice president for program for the Piedmont Council in Gastonia, North Carolina, joins us for the discussion. | [Download](#) | [Zip File](#) | [Transcript](#) |

August 2016 - The Kodiak Challenge



As Scout leaders, you all know how important advanced leadership training is. We've got NYLT and NAYLE and Kodiak. That's right – we said Kodiak. Oh sure, a few years ago the Kodiak Trek may have been just for Venturers, but now – Kodiak is open to all Scouters! Peter Self, who served as national staff advisor to the Kodiak syllabus shares with us why you should implement the Kodiak Challenge into your troop's advanced leadership training and how to make it happen. | [Download](#) | [Zip File](#) | [Transcript](#) |

July 2016 - Think the Jamboree Door is Closed? Here's How to Open It



Has your son or anyone in your troop or crew signed up to go the 2017 National Jamboree yet? No? Why not? You already know what a great experience it will be for them and that they'll make a ton of new friends, but maybe you all think it will be too financially or physically challenging. Maybe the jamboree is only for a privileged few, or maybe you think the door is closed because (gasp!) of the girls in your crew! Whatever the reason you think the jamboree door has been closed, corporate partnership manager Owen McCulloch tells us how to grab onto that door handle and open it wide. | [Download](#) | [Zip File](#) | [Transcript](#) |

June 2016 - Who Can Sign Off on Requirements?



That's the question that appeared in the ScoutCast mailbox courtesy of listener Rich Eitzel. "We aim to please, said host Lee Shaw, so we invited advancement task force member Wayne Huddleston onto the show for an in-depth discussion of who can sign off requirements for both merit badges and ranks. Is it the merit badge counselor or the Scoutmaster? Maybe it's the senior patrol leader or maybe all three, but can one over-ride the another's decision? Click the Download button to find out! | [Download](#) | [Zip File](#) | [Transcript](#) |

May 2016 - How the Exploring Program Can Support Your Troop



You may have read the title of this episode and thought, "Did I read this right? Exploring can support my Boy Scout troop?" Well, it's true! Joining us as we explore the many different ways the Exploring program can offer support to your Scouts is senior Exploring specialist Kristen Falatko and Boy Scout program specialist Garfield Murden. We were surprised by what they shared with us and we bet you will be, too. | [Download](#) | [Zip File](#) | [Transcript](#) |

April 2016 - Summer Community Activities



A lot of troops and crews think that just because they have some kids going to Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier, or the Summit, they can take the summer off. ScoutCast host Bryan Wendell thinks summer is "the greatest season of the year" for troop and crew activities, so we invited Jeff Bostwick, a member of the Boy Scout Experience Task Force, to share with us some of the activities you can do and how those activities can benefit your troop, crew, and community. | [Download](#) | [Zip File](#) | [Transcript](#) |

March 2016 - The Guided Discovery Process



The Scoutmaster is the adult leader of a youth-led troop. The Venturing Advisor is the adult leader of a youth-led crew. How do you assist the youth without lecturing? What is the process of shifting the attention off of yourself, as the adult leader and onto the senior patrol leader or crew president? Join us as Boy Scout Development Task Force member, Larry Green, guides us through this discussion of the guided discovery process. | [Download](#) | [Zip File](#) | [Transcript](#) |

February 2016 - The Scoutmaster's Minute



The Scoutmaster's Minute is a brief inspirational message, usually given at the end of a meeting or at the end of an activity in which you bring the whole group back together. But what makes a good Scoutmaster's Minute? Does it have to be at the end of the meeting? And does it have to be a minute? We asked these questions to John Duncan, Council Commissioner with the Northeast Illinois Council, who gave us a lot of food for thought.

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January 2016 - The Outdoor Ethics Guide



So the way we hear it; the Leave No Trace Trainer is now going to be replaced with the Outdoor Ethics Guide, but Leave No Trace is still being implemented, and oh, Tread Lightly has been added into the mix. Sound confusing? Well, all you need to do is click the download button as Dave O'Leary, the Outdoor Ethics coordinator for the Northeast Region, joins us to explain everything we need to know about this new youth leadership position.

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December - Plan B



You're familiar with Plan B, right? It's what you have ready as a backup just in case your original plan falls apart. Now the Boy Scouts of America is very good at being prepared should something unforeseen happen during an activity, but what if something goes awry and that activity might not happen at all? Do you just cancel? We here at ScoutCast don't think you should so we invited Bill Adams, a 30-year Scouting volunteer from the Southern Shores Field Office in Hartland, Michigan, to join us for a discussion on how to get your troop ready for whatever may come its way.

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November - Scout Safety



Whether you're new to Scouting or have been with us for a while, you're probably - and hopefully - very familiar with the Guide to Safe Scouting and the BSA's rules and regulations regarding safety. You can tell we take safety very seriously. Here to explain the method to the madness of these regulations is our very own Richard Bourlon, team lead of Health and Safety. Let's find out together.

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October - Advanced Leadership Training: What's In It for You?



Don Wendell, father of ScoutCast co-host Bryan Wendell and former chair of the National Advanced Leadership Task Force, stops by the ScoutCast studio to tell us all about the various advanced leadership courses that the BSA offers and how those courses will help you become not only a better leader (which makes the program better for the youth), but also a better employee, manager, parent, etc., and have a good time doing so. Take the first step to being a better you and click the Download button to hear more.

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September - How to Sell Popcorn When You're No Longer an Adorable Cub Scout



Everyone knows Scouting is full of really cool activities like camping and kayaking and building robots, but like everything else on Planet Earth, it costs money. So another big part of Scouting is fundraising. It's not too difficult when you're a cute little Cub Scout, and you give a great big smile with those adorable chubby cheeks and start stumbling through your script. You're just so doggone precious, people gladly buy whatever you're selling. But what about when the Scouts get older and a little less adorable? Donovan Fisher, aka The Popcorn Scout, and his dad, Scott, with the Washington Crossing Council in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, are here to share with us Donovan's secrets as the third highest selling Scout in 2013 with more than \$23,000 in sales. Did Dad help? Let's find out.

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August - Boy Scout Program Update



Not being one to rest on its laurels, the Boy Scouts of America is constantly looking at ways to improve the Boy Scouting experience for both youth and adults. We invited 411 Task Force member Diane Cannon from the Sam Houston Area Council in Houston, Texas, to ScoutCast to share the process of how updates to the current program are decided. Join us for this surprisingly fun discussion.

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